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SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to conduct a one-time post-election pilot audit after the November 8, 2022 general election to determine the accuracy of the originally reported outcome of the election.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to elections; to authorize the Secretary of State to conduct a one-time post-election pilot audit after the November 8, 2022 general election to determine the accuracy of the originally reported outcome of the election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the Alabama Voter Confidence Pilot Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may conduct a limited post-election

1 pilot audit of the November 8, 2022 statewide general
2 election, as provided in this subsection.

3 (1) The post-election pilot audit shall be conducted
4 no earlier than November 30, 2022, and no later than January
5 31, 2023.

6 (2) Upon receiving consent from the respective
7 county commission and judge of probate, the audit shall be
8 conducted in three counties selected by the Secretary of State
9 as follows: One county in north Alabama, one county in central
10 Alabama, and one county in south Alabama; and shall be
11 conducted on only one statewide office selected by the
12 Secretary of State and on one county office in each of the
13 three selected counties.

14 (3) In the three selected counties, the Secretary of
15 State shall consult with the respective judge of probate and
16 sheriff to select the day to conduct the audit and the county
17 office to be audited.

18 (4) The Secretary of State may issue a written order
19 to the respective judge of probate and sheriff of the three
20 selected counties, which shall be the only authority necessary
21 for the judge of probate and sheriff to open the appropriate
22 ballot boxes and provide any other necessary election
23 materials in order for the audit to be conducted. The order
24 shall include the name of the statewide office and the county
25 office to be audited.

26 (5) The Secretary of State may request the judge of
27 probate and sheriff to access ballot boxes and necessary

1 election materials prior to the audit to ensure that election
2 material is accurately organized and accounted for in
3 preparation of the audit.

4 (6) Poll workers shall be appointed to conduct the
5 post-election pilot audit, and appointments shall be made in
6 the same manner as for any other election activity.

7 (c) All expenses incurred by any county pursuant to
8 this section shall be reimbursed from federal funds made
9 available for use by the Secretary of State.

10 (d) The judge of probate shall make all results from
11 the post-election pilot audit public by posting the results on
12 the courthouse door at the conclusion of the audit and posting
13 the results on the official website of the Secretary of State.

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective
15 immediately following its passage and approval by the
16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.