

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 905  
2 INTRODUCED BY N. DURAM

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING AN ELECTION SECURITY TEAM; PROVIDING FOR  
5 MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
6 AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Short title. [Sections 1 through 3] may be cited as the "Election Security  
11 Act".

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Election security team -- membership. There is an election security  
14 team. The membership consists of:

- 15 (1) one person appointed by the governor;
- 16 (2) one person appointed by the state auditor;
- 17 (3) one person appointed by the secretary of state;
- 18 (4) one person appointed by the supreme court;
- 19 (5) one person appointed by the house of representatives majority leader;
- 20 (6) one person appointed by the house of representatives minority leader;
- 21 (7) one person appointed by the senate majority leader; and
- 22 (8) one person appointed by the senate minority leader.

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24 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Election security team -- powers and duties. After each general  
25 election the team shall:

- 26 (1) ensure that an independent, full hand count of all ballots cast in all precincts in the state be  
27 conducted within a year of the election;
- 28 (2) hire and oversee a team to conduct the full hand count;

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1 (3) report the results of the full hand count to the county election administrators and the secretary  
2 of state's office; and

3 (4) evaluate the implementation and execution of the security measures adopted in subsection (1)  
4 to determine whether the measures were properly followed by county election administrators.  
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6 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$100,000 from the general fund  
7 to the secretary of state for each year of the ~~biennia~~ biennium beginning July 1, 2023, ~~and July 1, 2025~~, to fund  
8 the election security team.

9 (2) The legislature intends that the appropriation in this section be considered part of the ongoing  
10 base for the next legislative session.  
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12 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 3] are intended to be  
13 codified as a new part in Title 13, chapter 17, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 17, apply to [sections 1  
14 through 3].  
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16 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.  
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18 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Termination. [Sections 1 through 3] terminate June 30, 2027.  
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