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## **HOUSE BILL No. 2653**

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Proposed Amendments to
House Bill No. 2653
House Committee on Elections
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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to electronic or electromechanical voting systems and optical scanning equipment; requiring images of ballots counted by such systems and equipment to be provided to candidates on request?

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Within 48 hours after the close of the polls on election day, a candidate may request a digital copy of all ballot images for those ballots counted and included in the reported election results that were counted using electronic or electromechanical voting systems or optical scanning equipment. Such request shall be in writing and shall only be made to the county election officer for a county where such candidate appeared on a ballot distributed in such county.

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- (b) Any information provided pursuant to this section shall be provided in such digital format as prescribed by the secretary of state. To the extent possible, such information shall be provided in a format that allows for sorting the ballot images by voting precinct, except that any voting precinct having less than 20 ballot images shall not be provided to protect the privacy of the voters in such precinct.
- (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply in any county that does not use electronic or electromechanical voting systems or optical scanning equipment.
  - (e) As used in this section:
- (1) "Electronic or electromechanical voting systems" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 25-4401, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) "optical scanning equipment" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 25-4601, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

; display of tabulation machine voting results reports

(1) Within three days after the date of the election, each county election officer shall prepare and make available to any candidate whose name appeared on a ballot in such county upon request of such candidate

and by tabulation machine serial number

(b) On the date of the election after the close of polling locations, each county election office shall print two copies of the voting result details report for each tabulation machine used at each voting precinct to count ballots on such date. Each report shall be signed by the election judge and the election board acknowledging that each report is a true and correct copy of the voting results. One report shall be maintained by the county election office as an election record. For a period of three days following the date of the election, one report shall be displayed in the county election office and made available for inspection and, upon the determination by the county election officer that the county election office has the reasonable capability to efficiently provide a digital copy of such report, the county election office shall provide such digital copy to any candidate upon request.

And by relettering subsections accordingly