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1	BILL NO		
2	INTRODUCED BY (Primary Sponsor)		
3	BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE		
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT RULES		
6	DEFINING AND GOVERNING ELECTION SECURITY; REQUIRING ELECTION SECURITY ASSESSMENTS		
7	BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATIONS; ESTABLISHING THAT		
8	SECURITY ASSESSMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING		
9	REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE		
10	DATE."		
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:		
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14	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Statewide elections infrastructure rulemaking. (1) (a) On or before		
15	July 1, 2022, the secretary of state shall adopt rules defining and governing election security using federal		
16	election best practices as recommended by the United States elections assistance commission and the national		
17	institute of standards and technology of the United States department of commerce.		
18	(b) The secretary of state and county election administrators shall annually assess their compliance		
19	with election security rules established in accordance with subsection (1)(a). County election administrators		
20	shall provide the results of the assessments to the secretary of state in January of each year to ensure that all		
21	aspects of elections in the state are secure. Security assessments are considered confidential information as		
22	defined in 2-6-1002(1).		
23	(2) Beginning January 1, 2023, and each year after, the secretary of state shall provide an annual		
24	summary report on statewide election security. The report must be provided to the state administration and		
25	veterans' affairs interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210.		
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27	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an		
28	integral part of Title 13, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].		



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2	NEW SECTION. Section 3.	Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.
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