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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. There is appropriated \$100,000 from the general fund to
7	the secretary of state for each year of the biennia beginning July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2025, to fund the election
8	security team.
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10	NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 3] are intended to be
11	codified as a new part in Title 13, chapter 17, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 17, apply to [sections 1
12	through 3].
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14	NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.
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16	NEW SECTION. Section 7. Termination. [Sections 1 through 3] terminate June 30, 2027.
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