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BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT RULES
DEFINING AND GOVERNING ELECTION SECURITY; REQUIRING ELECTION SECURITY ASSESSMENTS
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATIONS; ESTABLISHING THAT
SECURITY ASSESSMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Statewide elections infrastructure -- rulemaking. (1) (a) On or before
July 1, 2022, the secretary of state shall adopt rules defining and governing election security using federal
election best practices as recommended by the United States elections assistance commission and the national
institute of standards and technology of the United States department of commerce.
(b) The secretary of state and county election administrators shall annually assess their compliance
with election security rules established in accordance with subsection (1)(a). County election administrators
shall provide the results of the assessments to the secretary of state in January of each year to ensure that all
aspects of elections in the state are secure. Security assessments are considered confidential information as
defined in 2-6-1002(1).
(2) Beginning January 1, 2023, and each year after, the secretary of state shall provide an annual
summary report on statewide election security. The report must be provided to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 13, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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

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