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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to voting system audits; amending s.
3 101.591, F.S.; removing the requirement that the
4 manual audit of voting systems be conducted using
5 randomly selected precincts; authorizing the use of
6 voting units in the audit process; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 101.591,
12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 101.591 Voting system audit.—

14 (1) Immediately following the certification of each
15 election, the county canvassing board or the local board
16 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct a manual
17 audit of the voting systems used ~~in randomly selected precincts~~.

18 (2) The audit shall consist of a public manual tally of the
19 votes cast in one randomly selected race that appears on the
20 ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-day, absentee,
21 early voting, provisional, and overseas ballots, in at least 1
22 percent but no more than 2 percent of the precincts chosen or
23 voting units used, at random by the county canvassing board or
24 the local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1
25 percent of the precincts or voting units is less than one entire
26 precinct or voting unit, the audit shall be conducted using at
27 least one precinct or voting unit chosen at random by the county
28 canvassing board or the local board responsible for certifying
29 the election. Such precincts or voting units shall be selected

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30 at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.