

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 261 grants the Secretary of the State Election Board the authority to require a county election board to conduct a post-election audit of election results. The Secretary determines the procedures and timing the audit. The measure also authorizes the state Board, subject to available funding, to implement security measures to protect the vote.

Providing false or misleading information to knowingly prevent voting or voter registration is made a felony offense, as is accessing, attempting to access, tampering, or attempting to tamper with election systems.

The measure also modifies the circumstances which authorizes the Secretary to declare an election emergency. Any interference with polling devices, violence at polling places, security threats, or major failure of voting hardware will allow the Secretary to declare an emergency.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

FY'20 Impact: Pending

The fiscal impact is pending, but the State Election Board plans to cover the FY 2020 costs with money from their revolving fund and a federal security grant received in 2018. However, long-term the election board will likely request state appropriations for the increased security for our election system.

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