

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

SB 7X creates the Post-Election Forensic Audit Act of 2021. The measure provides that the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House must appoint an independent, 3<sup>rd</sup> party to conduct a forensic audit of the general election that took place on November 3, 2020, within 30 days of the effective date. The independent party is directed by the measure to conduct an audit of the 3 most populated counties, 3 least populated counties, and 3 randomly selected counties. The audit must be completed within 90 days after the date of the appointment of the independent third party. After the audit is completed, the independent party is required by the measure to submit a report of their findings to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House that identifies and details any anomaly or discrepancy in voter data, ballot data, or tabulation. Funding for the provisions of this measure shall be provided by the Legislature from the funds available in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

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