SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to conduct a one-time post-election pilot audit after the November 8, 2022 general election to determine the accuracy of the originally reported outcome of the election.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to elections; to authorize the Secretary of State to conduct a one-time post-election pilot audit after the November 8, 2022 general election to determine the accuracy of the originally reported outcome of the election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the Alabama Voter Confidence Pilot Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may conduct a limited post-election
pilot audit of the November 8, 2022 statewide general election, as provided in this subsection.

(1) The post-election pilot audit shall be conducted no earlier than November 30, 2022, and no later than January 31, 2023.

(2) Upon receiving consent from the respective county commission and judge of probate, the audit shall be conducted in three counties selected by the Secretary of State as follows: One county in north Alabama, one county in central Alabama, and one county in south Alabama; and shall be conducted on only one statewide office selected by the Secretary of State and on one county office in each of the three selected counties.

(3) In the three selected counties, the Secretary of State shall consult with the respective judge of probate and sheriff to select the day to conduct the audit and the county office to be audited.

(4) The Secretary of State may issue a written order to the respective judge of probate and sheriff of the three selected counties, which shall be the only authority necessary for the judge of probate and sheriff to open the appropriate ballot boxes and provide any other necessary election materials in order for the audit to be conducted. The order shall include the name of the statewide office and the county office to be audited.

(5) The Secretary of State may request the judge of probate and sheriff to access ballot boxes and necessary
election materials prior to the audit to ensure that election
t material is accurately organized and accounted for in
preparation of the audit.

(6) Poll workers shall be appointed to conduct the
post-election pilot audit, and appointments shall be made in
the same manner as for any other election activity.

(c) All expenses incurred by any county pursuant to
this section shall be reimbursed from federal funds made
available for use by the Secretary of State.

(d) The judge of probate shall make all results from
the post-election pilot audit public by posting the results on
the courthouse door at the conclusion of the audit and posting
the results on the official website of the Secretary of State.

Section 2. This act shall become effective
immediately following its passage and approval by the
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.