

**HB 2523 - DIGEST**

Provides that, during the signature verification process, the county auditor must conduct random audits of verified signatures on batches of ballots for quality control purposes.

(1) The random audits must be performed: (a) Before the outer envelope of a ballot is opened; (b) on at least five percent of the total ballots cast; and (c) by any qualified person other than the initial signature verifier, including an employee of the county auditor or an authorized independent auditor.

(2) A record of each audit performed must be made, and must include the date of the audit, the name of the auditor, and the audit results. Political party representatives must be offered an opportunity to observe and be present at the time an audit is conducted.