

**HOUSE BILL No. 2653**

By Representative Toplikar

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to electronic or electromechanical  
2 voting systems and optical scanning equipment; requiring images of  
3 ballots counted by such systems and equipment to be provided to  
4 candidates on request.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) Within 48 hours after the close of the polls on election  
8 day, a candidate may request a digital copy of all ballot images for those  
9 ballots counted and included in the reported election results that were  
10 counted using electronic or electromechanical voting systems or optical  
11 scanning equipment. Such request shall be in writing and shall only be  
12 made to the county election officer for a county where such candidate  
13 appeared on a ballot distributed in such county.

14 (b) Any information provided pursuant to this section shall be  
15 provided in such digital format as prescribed by the secretary of state. To  
16 the extent possible, such information shall be provided in a format that  
17 allows for sorting the ballot images by voting precinct, except that any  
18 voting precinct having less than 20 ballot images shall not be provided to  
19 protect the privacy of the voters in such precinct.

20 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations necessary  
21 to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

22 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply in any county that  
23 does not use electronic or electromechanical voting systems or optical  
24 scanning equipment.

25 (e) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Electronic or electromechanical voting systems" means the same  
27 as defined in K.S.A. 25-4401, and amendments thereto; and

28 (2) "optical scanning equipment" means the same as defined in  
29 K.S.A. 25-4601, and amendments thereto.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
31 publication in the statute book.