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Bill Analysis

SB 1457 creates the PostElection Forensic Audit Act of 2022. The measure provides that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor shall appoint an independent third party to conduct a forensic audit of the general election that took place on November 3, 2020 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this measure. The audit shall examine the 3 most populous counties, the 3 least populous counties, and 3 counties selected at random. The audit shall be completed no later than 90 days after the date of the appointment of the independent third party. A report of the completed audit shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor that identifies and details any anomaly or discrepancy in voter data, ballot data, or tabulation. Funding for the audit shall be apportioned from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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