

Senate Bill 188

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for an election results reporting system
3 to be established and maintained by the Secretary of State; to provide for the submission of
4 certain information to such reporting system by county superintendents; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and
9 primaries generally, is amended in Article 12, relating to returns, by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "21-2-490.1.

12 (a) The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an election results reporting system
13 for general primaries, general elections, and runoffs from such general primaries and
14 general elections. Such system shall provide for the entry of the number of ballots cast by
15 type in each precinct, the results of state and federal races by precinct, the number of
16 absentee ballots issued and returned, the number of absentee ballots certified, the number

of absentee ballots rejected, the number of provisional ballots cast, and such other information which the Secretary of State deems relevant and useful to the citizens of this state. The Secretary of State shall ensure that all information required by this subsection is readily available on a publicly accessible website, including totals. As election returns become available, the county superintendent shall cause such information to be entered into the reporting system.

(b) As soon as possible after the close of the polls on the day of a general primary, general election, or runoff of a general primary or general election, the county election superintendent shall enter the number of absentee ballots issued and returned as of the close of the polls in the reporting system described in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) Prior to uploading any vote totals for a precinct into the reporting system described in subsection (a) of this Code section, the county election superintendent shall enter the number of in-person ballots cast in such precinct, the number of absentee ballots received as of the close of the polls, and the number of provisional ballots cast in such precinct."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.