

Senate Bill 273

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Dolezal of the 27th, Dugan of the 30th, Beach of the 21st and Harbin of the 16th

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 authorize local governments to conduct elections  
3 by paper ballot in 2021; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and  
8 primaries generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-282, which is reserved, to  
9 read as follows:

10 "21-2-282.

11 In any primary or election conducted during 2021, the primary or election may be  
12 conducted by a county, municipality, or consolidated government, at the option of its  
13 election superintendent, by paper ballot in the manner provided for in Code  
14 Section 21-2-334. Reserved."

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**SECTION 2.**

16 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code  
17 Section 21-2-300, relating to provision of new voting equipment by state, uniform system  
18 for all elections to be conducted with use of scanning ballots marked by electronic ballot  
19 markers, pilot programs authorized, county responsibilities, education, and county and  
20 municipal contracts for equipment, as follows:

21 "(a)(1) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 21-2-282, the equipment  
22 used for casting and counting votes in county, state, and federal elections shall be the  
23 same in each county in this state and shall be provided to each county by the state, as  
24 determined by the Secretary of State."

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**SECTION 3.**

26 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
27 without such approval.

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**SECTION 4.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.