

House Bill 1120

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the Secretary of State, so as to change certain provisions regarding  
3 postponement and extension of qualifying; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to the Secretary of State, is amended by striking Code Section 21-2-50.1, relating to  
9 postponement and extension of qualifying, and inserting in its place a new Code Section  
10 21-2-50.1 to read as follows:

11 "21-2-50.1.

12 In the event the Governor declares that a state of emergency or disaster exists pursuant to  
13 Code Section 38-3-51 or a federal agency declares that a state of emergency or disaster  
14 exists, the Secretary of State is authorized to postpone or extend the qualifying periods  
15 provided in this chapter for the qualification of candidates seeking municipal, county, or  
16 state-wide office and to postpone the date of any primary, special primary, election, or  
17 special election in the affected area. The Secretary of State shall exercise the powers  
18 granted by this Code section carefully, and any such postponement or extension shall not  
19 exceed 45 days."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.