

Senate Bill 500

By: Senators Price of the 56th, Stephens of the 51st and Johnson of the 1st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-379.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 requirements for use of electronic recording voting systems, so as to provide all electronic
3 recording voting systems to produce a permanent paper record of the votes recorded on such
4 systems for each voter; to provide that voters have an opportunity to verify such record after
5 voting; to provide that such paper records be retained for use in recounts and election
6 challenge proceedings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 21-2-379.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements
11 for use of electronic recording voting systems, is amended by adding new paragraphs (6.1)
12 and (6.2) to read as follows:

13 "(6.1) It shall produce a permanent paper record with a manual audit capacity for such
14 system which shall be available as an official record for any recount conducted under Code
15 Section 21-2-495 or for any election challenge under Article 13 of this chapter involving
16 any primary or election in which such system is used;

17 (6.2) It shall provide the voter with an opportunity to change the ballot or correct any error
18 before the permanent paper record is produced;".

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective on October 1, 2004.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.