

Senate Bill 467

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Smith of the 52nd and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

**AS PASSED**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to  
2 correct typographical, stylistic, and other errors and omissions in Title 21 of the Official  
3 Code of Georgia Annotated and in Acts of the General Assembly amending Title 21 of the  
4 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to correct capitalization and spelling in Title 21 of the  
5 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide for necessary or appropriate revisions and  
6 modernizations of matters contained in Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;  
7 to provide for other matters relating to Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;  
8 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended as  
12 follows:

13 (1) By striking "voter registration card. Unless the candidate" and inserting in its place  
14 "voter registration card unless the candidate" in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code  
15 Section 21-2-132, relating to the filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and  
16 affidavit, payment of a qualifying fee, and a pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for  
17 exemption from a qualifying fee in regard to the selection and qualification of candidates and  
18 presidential electors.

19 (2) By striking "database" and inserting in its place "data base" in paragraph (1) of  
20 subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-220, relating to the application for registration,  
21 identification requirement, rejection for failure to provide required information or for  
22 submission of false information, and aid to the disabled or illiterate in regard to the  
23 registration of voters.

24 (3) By striking "provisions of this subsection" and inserting in its place "provisions of this  
25 Code section" in Code Section 21-2-264, relating to the reimbursement of counties and  
26 municipalities for costs incurred pursuant to the alteration of election precinct boundaries.

1 (4) By striking "at each primary and election, and the number of stubs" and inserting in its  
2 place "at each primary and election and the number of stubs" in Code Section 21-2-283,  
3 relating to the printing and safekeeping of ballots and labels by an election superintendent.

4 (5) By striking "provided in this paragraph" and inserting in its place "provided in this  
5 subparagraph" in subparagraph (a)(1)(H) of Code Section 21-2-381, relating to the making  
6 of an application for an absentee ballot, determination of eligibility by a ballot clerk,  
7 furnishing of applications to colleges and universities, and persons entitled to make  
8 application in regard to absentee voting.

9 (6) By striking "three day period" and inserting in its place "three-day period" in subsection  
10 (f) of Code Section 21-2-381.2, relating to state write-in absentee ballots for certain electors.

11 (7) By striking "three day period" and inserting in its place "three-day period" in  
12 subparagraph (a)(1)(G) and by striking the single quotes at the beginning and end of "Official  
13 Absentee Ballot" and inserting in their place double quotes in subsection (c) of Code Section  
14 21-2-386, relating to the safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots, the  
15 rejection of a ballot, the delivery of ballots to managers, duties of the managers, the precinct  
16 returns, and the notification of a challenged elector in regard to absentee voting.

17 (8) By striking "as provided in this subsection," and inserting in its place "as provided in this  
18 paragraph," in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-450, relating to the  
19 opening of the polls, the procedure when ballot labels are misplaced, certification by  
20 managers, machines to be locked until polls open, officers to be near machines, inspection  
21 of machines, and broken machines in regard to precincts using voting machines.

22 (9) By striking "to appear on the ballot in this state, or a county, or a municipal election in  
23 this state." and inserting in its place "to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a  
24 municipal election in this state." in paragraphs (2), (7), and (11), by striking "that official  
25 who is designated" and inserting in its place "that official or commission that is designated"  
26 in paragraph (13), and by striking "public officer, or any member of the family" and inserting  
27 in its place "public officer or any member of the family" in paragraph (14) of Code Section  
28 21-5-3, relating to definitions in regard to ethics in government.

29 (10) By striking "by the state official who appointed the vacating member." and inserting  
30 in its place "by the state official or the committee that appointed the vacating member." in  
31 subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-4, relating to the State Ethics Commission.

32 (11) By striking the period and inserting in its place a semicolon at the end of the  
33 undesignated text in paragraph (14) of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-5-6, relating to  
34 powers and duties of the State Ethics Commission.

35 (12) By striking "elected to serve for a term of four years." and inserting in its place "elected  
36 to serve for a term of four or more years." in the introductory language of Code Section  
37 21-5-13, relating to limitation of actions in regard to ethics in government.

(13) By striking "directly to a candidate" and inserting in its place "directly to or by a candidate" and by striking "except directly by a campaign committee" and inserting in its place "except directly to or by a campaign committee" in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-5-30, relating to contributions made to a candidate or a campaign committee or for the recall of a public officer.

(14) By striking "to appear on the ballot in this state, or a county, or a municipal election in this state" and inserting in its place "to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state" in subparagraph (a)(2)(A) and by striking "shall be filed with the election superintendent" and inserting in its place "shall be filed with the commission for a state election or with the election superintendent" in subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 21-5-34, relating to disclosure reports in regard to campaign contributions.

## **SECTION 2.**

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

## **SECTION 3.**

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