

Senate Bill 456

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Smith of the 52nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Harp of the 29th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**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 in:

12 (1) Code Section 21-2-40, relating to the authorization of the General Assembly to create  
13 board of elections and board of elections and registration in any county, by replacing  
14 "absentee balloting procedures." with "absentee-balloting procedures." in subsection (b).

15 (2) Code Section 21-2-379.1, relating to requirements for use of electronic recording voting  
16 systems, by replacing "direct electronic recording voting system" with "direct recording  
17 electronic voting system" in the introductory language.

18 (3) Code Section 21-2-379.2, relating to the review of manufacturer's electronic recording  
19 voting system by the Secretary of State, appointment and compensation of examiners,  
20 revocation of approval, written verification and certification prior to election or primary,  
21 penalties, and conflicts of interest, by replacing "direct electronic recording voting system"  
22 with "direct recording electronic voting system" in subsections (a), (b), (c), (f), and (g) and  
23 by replacing "direct electronic voting system" with "direct recording electronic voting  
24 system" in subsection (e).

25 (4) Code Section 21-2-384, relating to absentee voting and preparation and delivery of  
26 supplies, mailing of ballots, oath of absentee electors and persons assisting absentee electors,

1 master list of ballots sent, and challenges is amended by replacing "This, the \_\_\_\_\_  
2 day of \_\_\_\_\_." with "This, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_."  
3 in the form in paragraph (1) of subsection (c).

4 (5) Code Section 21-2-386, relating to absentee voting and safekeeping, certification, and  
5 validation of absentee ballots, rejection of ballot, delivery of ballots to manager, duties of  
6 managers, precinct returns, and notification of challenged elector, by replacing "absentee  
7 ballots clerks" with "absentee ballot clerks" in paragraph (2) of subsection (a).

8 (6) Code Section 21-2-522, relating to grounds for contesting elections and primaries, by  
9 inserting "or" at the end of paragraph (4).

10 (7) Code Section 21-5-30.2, relating to campaign contributions by public agencies, by  
11 replacing "in accordance with Chapter 2 or 3" with "in accordance with Chapter 2" in  
12 paragraph (3) of subsection (a).

13 (8) Code Section 21-5-70, relating to definitions regarding public officials conduct and  
14 lobbyist disclosure, by replacing "vendor" with "vender" in subparagraph (G) of paragraph  
15 (5).

## 16 **SECTION 2.**

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

## 19 **SECTION 3.**

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