

House Bill 46

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to absentee voting, so as to provide that any candidate in an election or primary shall  
3 be entitled to inspect and reproduce absentee ballots for a certain period of time after the  
4 election or primary; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 absentee voting, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "21-2-391.

11 Any candidate in an election or primary shall be given the opportunity, upon request, to  
12 inspect absentee ballots for a period of two years after the date of such election or primary.

13 Such candidate shall be entitled to create reproductions of such ballots at his or her  
14 expense. Such inspection or reproduction shall be made at a reasonable time and place  
15 determined by the custodian of such absentee ballots."

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20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.