

House Bill 641

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that direct recording electronic voting  
3 systems purchased on and after July 1, 2017, shall be equipped with paper audit records; to  
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and  
8 elections generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-379.1, relating to  
9 requirements for use of direct recording electronic voting systems, by designating the  
10 existing text as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(b) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section, all  
12 direct recording electronic voting systems purchased for use in primaries and elections in  
13 this state on and after July 1, 2017, shall produce a permanent paper record of the ballot  
14 cast by each elector, with a manual audit capacity for such system, which record shall:

15 (1) Be available as an official record of the ballot cast and constitute a paper ballot for  
16 purposes of any recount conducted under Code Section 21-2-495 or any election  
17 challenge under Article 13 of this chapter involving any primary or election in which  
18 such system is used;

19 (2) Provide the elector with an opportunity to review the permanent paper record after  
20 casting his or her vote on the system and to change his or her ballot or correct any error  
21 in such vote; and

22 (3) After verification by the elector, be placed securely in an approved ballot box or  
23 other secured container."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.