

Senate Bill 380

By: Senators Williams of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th,
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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 prohibit any person from conspiring or
3 collaborating with any foreign government to influence any primary or election in this state;
4 to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for
5 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
9 elections generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "21-2-605.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'foreign government' means the government of
12 a country other than the United States of America and includes political subdivisions,
13 agencies, bureaus, offices, divisions, departments, and other organizational units of such
14 government.

15 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to conspire or collaborate with a foreign
16 government or any agent or representative thereof to influence any primary or election
17 being conducted in this state.

18 (c) Upon conviction thereof, a person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section
19 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 30 years or life
20 imprisonment, a fine not to exceed \$1 million, or both."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval and shall apply to all conduct on and after such date.

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.