

House Bill 1207

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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 elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for proofing of ballots by local  
3 superintendents in certain races; to provide candidates the opportunity to review and verify  
4 such candidates' identifying information on such ballots prior to its printing or programming;  
5 to provide for related matters; 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 elections and  
9 primaries generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-283, relating to printing and  
10 safekeeping of ballots and labels by superintendent, as follows:

11 "21-2-283.

12 (a) In any primary or election, the superintendent or municipal governing authority shall  
13 cause all the ballots and ballot labels to be printed accurately and in the form prescribed by  
14 this chapter, shall ensure that the ballot for each precinct contains the correct contests for  
15 that precinct and no other contests, and the superintendent or municipal governing authority  
16 shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the same while in his or her or its possession or

17 that of his or her or its agent. The superintendent or municipal governing authority shall  
18 keep a record of the number of official ballots printed and furnished to each precinct at  
19 each primary and election and the number of stubs, unused ballots, and canceled ballots  
20 subsequently returned therefrom.

21 (b) Prior to the printing of official ballots or the final sign off on the programming of the  
22 display of the official ballot on electronic ballot markers, the superintendent shall check the  
23 ballot proof to ensure accuracy. After the superintendent has completed the ballot proofing  
24 procedures and made any needed corrections but before the ballots have been approved and  
25 sent to print, the superintendent shall send the final set of approved proofs of the ballot,  
26 clearly marked as proofs, to each candidate appearing on the ballot via electronic mail to  
27 the email address that was provided when the candidate qualified. Candidates appearing  
28 on the ballot shall have 24 hours from the time that electronic mail was sent to verify that  
29 the candidate's name, other identifying information such as party or incumbency, and other  
30 relevant information is properly displayed on the ballot and to inform the superintendent  
31 of any requested changes."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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