

House Bill 1406

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions regarding elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for publication of  
3 calls of election on newspaper and government websites; to provide for definitions; 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 Code Section 21-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 regarding elections and primaries generally, is amended by revising paragraph (3) and adding  
9 a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(3) 'Call' or 'the call,' as used in relation to special elections or special primaries, means  
11 the affirmative action taken by the responsible public officer to cause a special election  
12 or special primary to be held. The date of the call shall be the date of the first publication  
13 in a newspaper ~~of appropriate circulation~~ or the initial date of posting on the website of  
14 the applicable county, municipality, consolidated government, or school system or, in the  
15 case of a state-wide special election or special primary, the initial date of posting on the  
16 website of the Secretary of State of such affirmative action."

17 "(13.1) 'Newspaper' means a publication of general circulation within the appropriate  
18 area or available on a public website whether free of charge or for a fee."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.