

House Bill 615

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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 an automatic recount and recanvass  
3 under certain circumstances; to provide for certain reports; to provide for related matters; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and  
8 primaries generally, is amended in Part 1 of Article 11, relating to general provisions relative  
9 to preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, by adding a new Code section to  
10 read as follows:

11 "21-2-420.

12 (a) As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on  
13 the day of a general primary, general election, or runoff of a general primary or general  
14 election, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a  
15 prominent public place the following information:

16 (1) The number of electors who voted at the polls on the day of the general primary,  
17 general election, or runoff of a general primary or general election;

18 (2) The number of electors who voted at advance voting locations during the advance  
19 voting period for the general primary, general election, or runoff of a general primary or  
20 general election; and

21 (3) The number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by 5:00 P.M. on  
22 the day of the general primary, general election, or runoff of a general primary or general  
23 election.

24 (b) Upon the conclusion of the counting of the votes cast in the general primary, general  
25 election, or runoff of a general primary or general election, the election superintendent shall  
26 report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following  
27 information:

28 (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the general primary, general  
29 election, or runoff of a general primary or general election;

30 (2) The number of ballots cast at advance voting locations during the advance voting  
31 period for the general primary, general election, or runoff of a general primary or general  
32 election; and

33 (3) The number of absentee ballots counted in the general primary, general election, or  
34 runoff of a general primary or general election.

35 (c) Upon the completion of the report provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section,  
36 the election superintendent shall compare the total number reported in subsection (a) of this  
37 Code section minus the number of rejected absentee ballots with the total number reported  
38 in subsection (b) of this Code section. The results of such comparison and all explanatory  
39 materials shall be reported to the Secretary of State. The reason for any discrepancy shall  
40 be fully investigated and reported to the Secretary of State."

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**SECTION 2.**

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