

House Bill 974

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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 require the Secretary of State to establish and  
3 maintain a state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots; to provide for  
4 minimum resolution requirements for such scans; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 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 in Code Section 21-2-493, relating to computation,  
10 canvassing, and tabulation of returns, investigation of discrepancies in vote counts, recount  
11 procedure, pilot program for posting of digital images of scanned paper ballots, certification  
12 of returns, and change in returns, by revising subsection (j.1) as follows:

13 "(j.1) The Secretary of State shall create and maintain a ~~pilot~~ state-wide program for the  
14 posting of digital images of the scanned paper ballots created by the voting system. All  
15 such scans shall have a resolution of no less than 1200 dots per inch."

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**SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.