House Bill 1370

By: Representative DeLoach of the 167th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to authorize election superintendents to determine the number of voting booths or enclosures for state-wide general elections based upon expected turnout, the number of electors who have already voted by advance voting or absentee ballot, and other relevant factors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-367, relating to installation of systems, number of systems, and good working order, as follows:

"21-2-367.

(a) When the use of optical scanning voting systems has been authorized in the manner prescribed in this part, such optical scanning voting systems shall be installed, either simultaneously or gradually, within the county or municipality.

(b)(1) In each precinct in which optical scanning voting systems are used in a state-wide general election, except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the county election superintendent shall provide at least one voting booth or enclosure for each 250 electors therein, or fraction thereof.

(2) For any ~~other~~ primary, election, or runoff, the county or municipal election superintendent may provide a greater or lesser number of voting booths or enclosures if, after a thorough consideration of the type of election, expected turnout, the number of electors who have already voted by advance voting or absentee ballot, and other relevant factors that inform the appropriate amount of equipment needed, such superintendent determines that a different amount of equipment is needed or sufficient. Such determination shall be subject to the provisions of Code Section 21-2-263.

(c) Reserved.

(d) The county or municipal governing authority, as appropriate, shall provide optical scanning voting systems in good working order and of sufficient capacity to accommodate the names of a reasonable number of candidates for all party offices and nominations and public offices which, under the provisions of existing laws and party rules, are likely to be voted for at any future primary or election."

SECTION 2.

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