

**LOST**

Senator Jones II of the 22nd offered the following amendment #1:

1 *Amend the House substitute to SB 3EX (LC 47 4417S) by replacing lines 1 through 112 with*  
2 *the following:*

3 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
4 elections and primaries generally, so as to establish the Election Equipment Specifications  
5 and Standards Committee to establish the specifications, standards, and requirements for a  
6 new uniform system of election equipment; to provide for membership and duties; to provide  
7 for advisement; to provide for reporting; to provide for the extent to which the Secretary of  
8 State is authorized to provide for the selection, certification, or procurement of the new  
9 uniform system of election equipment; to declare certain actions void and ultra vires; to  
10 provide for automatic repeal; to revise provisions related to selected contests subject to  
11 risk-limiting audits; to amend an Act relating to elections and primaries approved  
12 May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, so as to revise an effective date; to provide for  
13 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
14 purposes.

15 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

16 **SECTION 1.**

17 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and  
18 primaries generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

19 "21-2-301.

20 (a) There is created the Election Equipment Specifications and Standards Committee that  
21 shall establish the specifications, standards, and requirements for a new uniform system of  
22 election equipment. Such committee shall be composed the following:

23 (1) Three electors of the state to be appointed by the Governor;

24 (2) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on  
25 Assignments, one of whom shall be designated as cochairperson; and

26 (3) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of  
27 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as cochairperson.

28 (b) The committee may seek advisement from, but shall not be limited to:

29 (1) The elections director of the Secretary of State's office, or his or her designee;

30 (2) The executive director of the State Election Board;

31 (3) The Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials;

32 (4) Cybersecurity experts; and

33 (5) Accessibility or disability experts.

34 (c) By January 31, 2027, the committee shall prepare a report which shall provide its  
35 recommendations for specifications, standards, and requirements for a new uniform system  
36 of election equipment. Such report shall be of sufficient detail so as to allow legislative  
37 and executive policymakers to develop appropriations, procurement, and implementation  
38 plans to provide for the use of such new uniform system of election equipment in the 2028  
39 election cycle. The report shall be delivered to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the  
40 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of State, and the State Election  
41 Board.

42 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, except as provided for in paragraph (1)  
43 of subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State in office on the effective date  
44 of this Code section shall have no role or authority in the selection, certification, or  
45 procurement of such new uniform system, including, but not limited to, the preparation of

46 any requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, or other solicitations to potential  
47 vendors of election equipment to be used as a part of such uniform system. Any and all  
48 actions taken by the Secretary of State in office on the effective date of this Code section  
49 related to the selection, certification, or procurement of a new uniform system of election  
50 equipment shall be void and ultra vires.

51 (e) This Code section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2029."

52 **SECTION 2.**

53 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-498, relating to precertification  
54 tabulation audits and risk-limiting audits, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as  
55 follows:

56 "(4) 'Selected contests' means:

57 (A) The contest at the top of a ballot; ~~and~~

58 (B) If they are on the ballot, each of the following races: presidential, United States  
59 Senator, United States Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
60 State, and Attorney General, provided that such selected contest is not the race at the  
61 top of the ballot; and

62 (C) If the following races are on a ballot, one contest from the following races as  
63 selected pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section: ~~United States Senate,~~  
64 ~~Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General,~~ State School  
65 Superintendent, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture,  
66 Commissioner of Labor, Supreme Court Justice, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or  
67 Public Service Commissioner, provided that such selected contest is not the race at the  
68 top of the ballot."

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**SECTION 3.**

70 An Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028),

71 SB 189, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 13 as follows:

72 "(d) Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028."

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**SECTION 4.**

74 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law

75 without such approval.

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**SECTION 5.**

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