

House Bill 948

By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th, Barton of the 5th, and others

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 prohibit bar codes, QR codes, and other machine
3 codes on ballots printed by electronic ballot markers; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
8 elections generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-379.23, relating to requirements for
9 ballot display, role of Secretary of State, and printed paper ballot controls during recount, by
10 revising subsection (d) as follows:

11 "(d) The text portion of the paper ballot marked and printed by the electronic ballot marker
12 indicating the elector's selection shall constitute the official ballot and shall ~~be used for, and~~
13 ~~govern the result in, constitute the official vote for purposes of vote tabulation,~~ any recount
14 conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-495, and any audit conducted pursuant to Code
15 Section 21-2-498. No bar codes, QR codes, or other machine coding shall be printed on
16 the paper ballot marked and printed by the electronic ballot marker."

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SECTION 2.

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.