

## **HB531 ELECTION TRANSPARENCY NEEDS**

March 6, 2021

Mr. Chairman and  
Senate Ethics Committee Members,

As you consider HB531 this coming week we ask that you seriously attempt to add the transparency objectives we testified in favor for during the previous week. Specifically, these are to:

1. **Make Ballots publicly available** (per 2019 [VoterGA SAFE Voting Commission recommendations](#))
2. **Make Ballot images publicly available** ([per 2019 VoterGA SAFE Commission recommendations](#))
3. **Require counties to allow their election management system to be imaged upon demand for independent forensic exams** (this requires only an hour to copy the server for forensic exam and does not impact election processing in any way)

These changes are necessary to prevent the fraud that was witnessed by our members who testified before you in SB241 hearing last week. HB531 currently has no such provisions.

We also ask that you strike Section 26 that prohibits the Secretary of State from extending certification deadlines to allow for a hand count audit since this type of audit is critical to ensuring the accuracy of the Dominion voting system and would justify an extension if needed. (O.G.G.A. 21-2-493)

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