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GA Senate Passes Historic Hand Recount Voting Security Law

ATLANTA, GA. JUNE 22, 2026 – The Georgia State Senate passed a historic amendment on Saturday during a Special Session called by Governor Brian Kemp to address illegality and verifiability issues in Georgia’s Quick Response (QR) coded voting system. The amendment to Senate bill [SB3EX](#) requires hand recounts for the top two races prior to certification to ensure that Georgia’s voting system produces correct election results in those races.

Georgia’s Dominion Democracy Suite 5.5 Ballot Marking Device (BMD) system accumulates votes hidden in proprietary QR codes that are unverifiable to the voter. The system currently conflicts with several Georgia election statutes including [\[O.C.G.A. §21-2-2\(7.1\), O.C.G.A. §21-2-300\(a\)\(2\), O.C.G.A. §21-2-379.23\]](#), a Help America Vote Act verifiability law [\[52 USC 21081\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(i\)\]](#) and President Trump’s Executive Order 14248 [Section 4\(b\)](#). **The bill leaves these issues largely unresolved.**

Georgia’s 2020 Presidential race was hand recounted statewide in three days with only 5 days’ notice from the Secretary of State. The recount revealed a variety of inconsistencies including [major ballot discrepancies](#) in Fulton County and a [machine counting failure](#) in Coffee County. Several counties, such as Paulding County, have conducted hand recounts ever since and continue to do so today.

SB3EX also improves auditing by mandating audits for the two federal and four top statewide races. However, Georgia’s reliance on Risk Limiting Audits (RLAs) as well as Logic and Accuracy testing has been berated by several experts:

- RLA inventor Dr. Phillip Stark, has [written](#) and testified to Georgia officials since 2018 that attempting to audit BMD systems with RLAs is “*meaningless*”;
- Georgia’s U.S. District Court expert witness in *Curling v Raffensperger*, Juan Gilbert, admitted RLAs can never audit what a BMD showed to a voter [\[1-29-24 Vol. 14a; 112:13-21\]](#);
- Dr. Alex Haldmeran’s [Security Analysis](#), prepared for the *Curling* case concluded: “*No practical method of pre-election or parallel testing can rule out malware-based fraud*”.

The [amended Senate bill](#), that includes provisions for a study committee to make future system recommendations now moves to the House Governmental Affairs committee Monday for a 10am hearing. A [House Elections Study Committee report](#) previously recommended hand counting for all 2026 QR coded ballots to mitigate the issues. The committee will have an opportunity to make related changes to better secure 2026 elections. The State Election Board has also developed [Emergency Ballot Procedures](#) that can be used in lieu of QR coded ballots.

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