

House Resolution 837

By: Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dunahoo of the 31st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Dominion Election Equipment; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the adoption of House Bill 316 in 2019 required that electronic ballot marking
4 devices be used for in-person voting in federal, state, and county elections; and

5 WHEREAS, House Bill 316 further provided that one uniform system of electronic ballot
6 marking devices shall be used state wide; and

7 WHEREAS, Dominion Voting Systems was eventually selected as the supplier for all
8 electronic ballot marking devices used for in-person voting in federal, state, and county
9 elections in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, questions as to the design and security of the electronic ballot marking devices
11 manufactured and provided to the State of Georgia by Dominion Voting Systems have been
12 raised both in the general public and in ongoing litigation before the United States District
13 Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, a thorough study of the Dominion Voting Systems' electronic ballot marking
15 devices is warranted so as to determine what appropriate revisions are needed to the Georgia
16 Election Code to ensure that future elections remain free, fair, and timely while also
17 protecting the rights of all Georgia voters to exercise the franchise to the fullest extent
18 possible.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
21 on Dominion Election Equipment.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the
23 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
25 of the committee.

26 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
27 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
28 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

29 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
30 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
31 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
32 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

33 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
34 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
35 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
36 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
37 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
38 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

39 **(6) Report.**

40 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
41 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
42 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
43 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

44 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
45 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
46 of this paragraph.

47 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
48 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
49 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
50 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

51 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
52 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
53 thereof.

54 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.