

House Bill 23 (AM)

By: Representatives DeLoach of the 172nd and Holmes of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-413 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
2 to conduct of voters, campaigners, and others at polling places, so as to permit certain
3 children and grandchildren to accompany their parents and grandparents into the
4 enclosed space for voting and into the voting compartment or voting booth; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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8 Code Section 21-2-413 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct
9 of voters, campaigners, and others at polling places, is amended by striking subsection
10 (e) and inserting in its place a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(e) All persons except poll officers, poll watchers, persons in the course of voting and
12 such persons' children or grandchildren under ~~12~~ 18 years of age accompanying such
13 persons, persons lawfully giving assistance to electors, duly authorized investigators
14 of the State Election Board, and peace officers when necessary for the preservation of
15 order, must remain outside the enclosed space during the progress of the voting.
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any elector shall be permitted to
17 be accompanied into the enclosed area and into a voting compartment or voting
18 machine booth while voting by such elector's child or children or grandchild or
19 grandchildren under ~~12~~ 18 years of age unless the poll manager or an assistant manager
20 determines in his or her sole discretion that such child or children or grandchild or
21 grandchildren are causing a disturbance or are interfering with the conduct of voting.
22 Children or grandchildren accompanying an elector in the enclosed space pursuant to
23 this subsection shall not in any manner handle any ballot nor operate any function of
24 a voting machine or vote recorder under any circumstances."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.