

House Bill 23

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 to
2 conduct of voters, campaigners, and others at polling places, so as to change the age of
3 children who may accompany their parents into the enclosed space for voting and into the
4 voting compartment or voting booth; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 21-2-413 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conduct of
7 voters, campaigners, and others at polling places, is amended by striking subsection (e) and
8 inserting in its place a new subsection to read as follows:
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10 "(e) All persons except poll officers, poll watchers, persons in the course of voting and
11 such persons' children under ~~12~~ 18 years of age accompanying such persons, persons
12 lawfully giving assistance to electors, duly authorized investigators of the State Election
13 Board, and peace officers when necessary for the preservation of order, must remain
14 outside the enclosed space during the progress of the voting. Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of this chapter, any elector shall be permitted to be accompanied into the
16 enclosed area and into a voting compartment or voting machine booth while voting by such
17 elector's child or children under ~~12~~ 18 years of age unless the poll manager or an assistant
18 manager determines in his or her sole discretion that such child or children are causing a
19 disturbance or are interfering with the conduct of voting. Children accompanying an
20 elector in the enclosed space pursuant to this subsection shall not in any manner handle any
21 ballot nor operate any function of a voting machine or vote recorder under any
22 circumstances."

SECTION 2.

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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