

Senate Bill 84

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Williams of the 19th, Chapman of the 3rd, Rogers of the 21st, Chance of the 16th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 form of proper identification at polls, so as to change the forms of identification that are
3 acceptable at the polls; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form of proper
8 identification at polls, is amended by striking the Code section and inserting in lieu thereof
9 a new Code Section 21-2-417 to read as follows:

10 "21-2-417.

11 (a) Each elector shall present proper identification to a poll worker at or prior to
12 completion of a voter's certificate at any polling place and prior to such person's admission
13 to the enclosed space at such polling place. Proper identification shall consist of any one
14 of the following:

15 (1) A valid Georgia driver's license;

16 (2) A valid identification card issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the
17 State of Georgia, any other state, or the United States authorized by law to issue personal
18 identification, provided that such identification card contains a photograph of the elector;

19 (3) A valid United States passport;

20 (4) A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and
21 issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, this
22 state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state; or

23 ~~(5) A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and~~
24 ~~issued by any employer of the elector in the ordinary course of such employer's business;~~

1 ~~(6) A valid student identification card containing a photograph of the elector from any~~
 2 ~~public or private college, university, or postgraduate technical or professional school~~
 3 ~~located within the State of Georgia;~~

4 ~~(7) A valid Georgia license to carry a pistol or revolver;~~

5 ~~(8) A valid pilot's license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration or other~~
 6 ~~authorized agency of the United States;~~

7 ~~(9)~~(5) A valid United States military identification card; ;

8 ~~(10) A certified copy of the elector's birth certificate;~~

9 ~~(11) A valid social security card;~~

10 ~~(12) Certified naturalization documentation;~~

11 ~~(13) A certified copy of court records showing adoption, name, or sex change;~~

12 ~~(14) A current utility bill, or a legible copy thereof, showing the name and address of the~~
 13 ~~elector;~~

14 ~~(15) A bank statement, or a legible copy thereof, showing the name and address of the~~
 15 ~~elector;~~

16 ~~(16) A government check or paycheck, or a legible copy thereof, showing the name and~~
 17 ~~address of the elector; or~~

18 ~~(17) A government document, or a legible copy thereof, showing the name and address~~
 19 ~~of the elector.~~

20 (b) If an elector is unable to produce any of the items of identification listed in subsection
 21 (a) of this Code section, he or she shall sign a statement under oath in a form approved by
 22 the Secretary of State, separate and distinct from the elector's voter certificate, swearing
 23 or affirming that he or she is the person identified on the elector's voter certificate. Such
 24 person shall not be allowed to vote, without undue delay, provided, however, that an
 25 elector who registered for the first time in this state by mail and did not provide one of the
 26 forms of identification set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section at the time of
 27 registration and who is voting for the first time may vote a provisional ballot pursuant to
 28 Code Section 21-2-418 upon swearing or affirming that the elector is the person identified
 29 in the elector's voter certificate. Such provisional ballot shall only be counted if the
 30 registrars are able to verify current and valid identification of the elector as provided in this
 31 Code section within the time period for verifying provisional ballots pursuant to Code
 32 Section 21-2-419. Falsely swearing or affirming such statement under oath shall be
 33 punishable as a felony, and the penalty shall be distinctly set forth on the face of the
 34 statement Any elector without valid identification as provided in this Code section may
 35 leave the polling place and return at any time prior to the close of the polls with valid
 36 identification as provided in this Code section and then be allowed to vote."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

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