

House Bill 219

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-414 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 restrictions on campaign activities and public opinion polling within the vicinity of a polling  
3 place, so as to prohibit certain activities within a certain distance of electors waiting to cast  
4 certain absentee ballots; to prohibit the display of certain campaign literature and materials  
5 in certain buildings where absentee voting takes place; to provide for related matters; to  
6 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 21-2-414 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on  
10 campaign activities and public opinion polling within the vicinity of a polling place, is  
11 amended by striking subsections (c) and (d) and inserting in lieu thereof new subsections (c),  
12 (d), and (d.1) to read as follows:

13 "(c) No person shall solicit votes in any manner or by any means or method, nor shall any  
14 person distribute any campaign literature, newspaper, booklet, pamphlet, card, sign, or any  
15 other written or printed matter of any kind, nor shall any person conduct any exit poll or  
16 public opinion poll with voters within a room under the control or supervision of the  
17 registrars or absentee ballot clerk in which absentee ballots are being cast on any day or  
18 within 50 feet of any elector waiting to cast an absentee ballot pursuant to subsection (b)  
19 of Code Section 21-2-380. No campaign literature, booklet, pamphlet, card, sign, or other  
20 written or printed matter shall be displayed in any building containing a room under the  
21 control or supervision of the registrars or absentee ballot clerk in which absentee ballots  
22 are cast during the period when absentee ballots are available for voting.

23 (d) No person shall solicit signatures for any petition within a room under the control or  
24 supervision of the registrars or absentee ballot clerk in which absentee ballots are being  
25 cast on any day or within 50 feet of any elector waiting to cast an absentee ballot pursuant  
26 to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380.

1 (d.1) Rooms under the control or supervision of the registrars or absentee ballot clerk in  
2 which absentee ballots are cast shall be considered as polling places."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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

6 **SECTION 3.**

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