

House Bill 229

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-380 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definition of absentee elector, so as to extend the time for advanced voting; to provide for
3 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Code Section 21-2-380 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definition of
7 absentee elector, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof a new
8 subsection (b) to read as follows:

9 "~~(b) An elector who casts an absentee ballot in person at the registrar's office or absentee~~
10 ~~ballot clerk's office during the period of Monday through Friday of the week immediately~~
11 ~~preceding the date of a primary, election, or run-off primary or election~~ During the period
12 of Monday through Friday of the two weeks immediately preceding the date of a primary,
13 election, or run-off primary or election, an elector who casts an absentee ballot in person
14 at the registrar's office or the absentee ballot clerk's office, as appropriate to the primary,
15 election, or runoff being held, shall not be required to provide a reason as identified in
16 subsection (a) of this Code section in order to cast an absentee ballot in such primary,
17 election, or run-off primary or election. In addition, the registrar or absentee ballot clerk,
18 as appropriate to the primary, election, or runoff being held, is authorized to extend office
19 hours and receive such ballots during the evening hours Monday through Friday during
20 such two-week period and to receive such ballots on the Saturday prior to such two-week
21 period and the intervening Saturday. No such ballots shall be received on the Saturday
22 immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Electors casting absentee ballots
23 in person during such extended evening or Saturday hours shall not be required to provide
24 a reason as identified in subsection (a) of this Code section in order to cast an absentee
25 ballot in such primary, election, or run-off primary or election."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.