

House Bill 743

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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 week immediately preceding the date of a primary,  
13 election, or runoff, an elector who casts an absentee ballot in person at the registrar's office  
14 or the absentee ballot clerk's office, as appropriate to the primary, election, or runoff being  
15 held, shall not be required to provide a reason as identified in subsection (a) of this Code  
16 section in order to cast an absentee ballot in such primary, election, or runoff. In addition,  
17 the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, as appropriate to the primary, election, or runoff being  
18 held, shall extend the office hours of the registrar or absentee ballot clerk for eight hours  
19 on the Saturday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff to allow electors to  
20 cast such absentee ballots. Electors casting absentee ballots in person during such Saturday  
21 hours shall not be required to provide a reason as identified in subsection (a) of this Code  
22 section in order to cast an absentee ballot in such primary, election, or run-off primary or  
23 election runoff."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.