

House Bill 882

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-226 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 duties of county board in determining eligibility of voters, maps of municipal boundaries,  
3 notice of ineligibility, issuance of registration cards, and reimbursement for postage cost, so  
4 as to provide for electors' photographs on voter registration cards; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 21-2-226 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties of  
9 county board in determining eligibility of voters, maps of municipal boundaries, notice of  
10 ineligibility, issuance of registration cards, and reimbursement for postage cost, is amended  
11 by striking subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(e) Each elector found eligible to be registered to vote by the board of registrars shall be  
13 issued a laminated card which shall contain the elector's name and address, a block or  
14 space for the elector's signature, the date of the elector's registration, the name and location  
15 of the elector's polling place or polling places if the county and municipal polling places  
16 are not the same, and the designation of the elector's congressional district; state Senate  
17 district; state House district; county commission district, if any; county or independent  
18 board of education district, if any; and municipal governing authority district, if any, and  
19 such other voting districts, if any. On the reverse side of the card, there shall be printed  
20 instructions which shall indicate the procedure to be followed in the event of the change  
21 of address of the elector. If the elector applied for registration on or after the effective date  
22 of this subsection in person to a registrar or deputy registrar or through a designated voter  
23 registration office as provided in Code Section 21-2-222, the card shall also contain a  
24 photograph of the elector taken at the time and place of application. Any elector whose  
25 current voter's registration card was issued without a photograph of the elector may, but  
26 is not required to, surrender his or her current voter's registration card in person to the

1 registrar or deputy registrar or a designated voter registration office specified in Code  
2 Section 21-2-222, have his or her photograph taken at such time and place of surrender, and  
3 be issued a replacement voter's registration card containing the elector's photograph;  
4 provided, however, that any voter registration card so surrendered shall be destroyed upon  
5 issuance of the replacement card. Any such card shall be deemed to have been issued by  
6 the state for purposes of Code Section 21-2-417. In the event an elector changes residences  
7 within the county in which an elector is registered to vote, the elector may change such  
8 elector's address by returning the card to the board of registrars of such county indicating  
9 the new address. Upon receipt of such card, the board of registrars shall make the necessary  
10 changes in the elector's registration records and issue a new card to the elector. In the event  
11 that an elector's precinct, polling place, or voting district or districts change, a new card  
12 shall be issued to the elector reflecting such changes. When the boundaries of a precinct  
13 are changed, all affected electors shall be sent a new card prior to the next primary or  
14 election. The form of such cards shall be determined by the Secretary of State. The  
15 issuance of such cards shall be sufficient as a notification of the disposition of an  
16 application for voter registration under this Code section, provided that such cards are sent  
17 by nonforwardable, first-class mail."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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