

House Bill 1015

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Randall of the 138th, Ashe of the 56th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-380 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 definition of "absentee elector" and when reason for absentee ballot not required, so as to
3 provide for advance voting throughout the period for absentee balloting; to provide for
4 certain optional advance voting hours; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 21-2-380 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definition
9 of "absentee elector" and when reason for absentee ballot not required, is amended by
10 striking the Code section and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 21-2-380 to read
11 as follows:

12 "21-2-380.

13 ~~(a) As used in this article, the term 'absentee elector' means an elector of this state or a~~
14 ~~municipality thereof who:~~

15 ~~(1) Is required to be absent from his or her precinct during the time of the primary or~~
16 ~~election he or she desires to vote in;~~

17 ~~(2) Will perform any of the official acts or duties set forth in this chapter in connection~~
18 ~~with the primary or election he or she desires to vote in;~~

19 ~~(3) Because of physical disability or because of being required to give constant care to~~
20 ~~someone who is physically disabled, will be unable to be present at the polls on the day~~
21 ~~of such primary or election;~~

22 ~~(4) Because the election or primary falls upon a religious holiday observed by such~~
23 ~~elector, will be unable to be present at the polls on the day of such primary or election;~~

24 ~~(5) Is required to remain on duty in his or her place of employment for the protection of~~
25 ~~the health, life, or safety of the public during the entire time the polls are open when such~~
26 ~~place of employment is within the precinct in which the voter resides; or~~

