

House Bill 993 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Geisinger of the 48th, Hamilton of the 23rd, Chambers of the 81st, and Brooks of the 63rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to absentee voting in elections and primaries, so as to provide that electors who are
3 75 years of age or older or disabled shall be given preferential treatment when casting an
4 absentee ballot in person at a registrar's office or other location; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

8 Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 absentee voting in elections and primaries, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "21-2-385.1.

12 Each elector who is 75 years of age or older or who is disabled and requires assistance in
13 casting an absentee ballot in person at the registrar's office, absentee ballot clerk's office,
14 or other locations as provided for in Code Section 21-2-382, shall, upon request to a
15 designated office employee or other individual, be authorized to vote immediately at the
16 next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line if such location
17 utilizes direct recording electronic voting systems or be authorized to go to the head of any
18 line necessary to cast a written absentee ballot. Notice of the provisions of this Code
19 section shall be prominently displayed in the registrar's office or absentee ballot clerk's
20 office."

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

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.