

Senate Bill 50

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Ramsey, Sr. Of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Lucas of the 26th and others

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, so as to change the time periods for advance voting; to provide
3 for 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 Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 absentee voting, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code
8 Section 21-2-385, relating to procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, as
9 follows:

10 "(d)(1) There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence ~~on the fourth~~
11 ~~Monday immediately~~ at the same time as the period for absentee voting prior to each
12 primary, or election, or ~~and as soon as possible prior to a runoff~~ and shall end on the
13 Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. Voting shall be conducted
14 during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and shall be conducted on
15 the second Saturday prior to a primary or election during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through
16 4:00 P.M.; provided, however, that in primaries and elections in which there are no
17 federal or state candidates on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours shall be required.
18 Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, counties and municipalities may extend
19 the hours for voting beyond regular business hours and may provide for additional voting
20 locations pursuant to Code Section 21-2-382 to suit the needs of the electors of the
21 jurisdiction at their option."

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

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.