

Senate Bill 27

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th, Henson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th,
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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:

11 ~~(A) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election;~~

12 ~~(B) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to a runoff from a general primary;~~

13 ~~(C) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to a runoff from a general election in~~
14 ~~which there are candidates for a federal office on the ballot in the runoff; and~~

15 ~~(D) As soon as possible prior to a runoff from any other general election in which there~~
16 ~~are only state or county candidates on the ballot in the~~

17 at the same time as the period for absentee voting prior to each primary, election, or
18 runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff.

19 Voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period
20 and shall be conducted on the second Saturday prior to a primary or election during the
21 hours of 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.; provided, however, that in primaries and elections
22 in which there are no federal or state candidates on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours
23 shall be required. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, counties and
24 municipalities may extend the hours for voting beyond regular business hours and may
25 provide for additional voting locations pursuant to Code Section 21-2-382 to suit the
26 needs of the electors of the jurisdiction at their option."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.