

House Bill 167

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th and Boddie of the 62nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that all applications for voter registration
3 shall be processed by the Secretary of State and the appropriate county registration officials
4 within 45 days of initial receipt of such applications; to provide for remedies for failure to
5 timely process such applications; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Timely Process Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
12 elections generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-216, relating to qualifications of
13 electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list, eligibility of nonresidents who
14 vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for standing as elector, evidence of
15 citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased persons databases, by adding a new
16 subsection to read as follows:

17 "(i) All applications for voter registration received by the Secretary of State or the
18 appropriate county registration officials shall be processed within 45 days following the
19 initial receipt of such applications by the Secretary of State or the appropriate county
20 registration officials. Any person aggrieved by the failure of the Secretary of State or the
21 appropriate county registration official to process such voter registration application within
22 45 days following the receipt of such application may seek injunctive relief in the Superior
23 Court of Fulton County with regard to the Secretary of State or the superior court of the
24 county in which the local registration official is located."

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.