

House Bill 365

By: Representatives Williams of the 145th, Momtahan of the 17th, Jasperse of the 11th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Ridley of the 6th, and others

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 elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that printed absentee ballot applications
3 shall have the election cycle for which they are to be used printed on the application; to
4 provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and
9 primaries generally, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of Code
10 Section 21-2-381, relating to making of application for absentee ballot, determination of
11 eligibility by ballot clerk, furnishing of applications to colleges and universities, and persons
12 entitled to make application, as follows:

13 "(a)(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219, not more than 180
14 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector
15 desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, by facsimile
16 transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot

clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. All printed applications for an absentee ballot shall have printed on such application form the election cycle for which such form is to be used. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'election cycle' means the period beginning with the general primary in even-numbered years and ending with the general election runoff, the period beginning with the municipal primary in odd-numbered years and ending with the municipal general election, the period beginning with a special primary and the associated special election and runoff thereof, or the presidential preference primary. Application forms bearing the printed election cycle may be only used to request absentee ballots for a primary, election, or runoff occurring within the printed election cycle."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.