

House Bill 502

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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 for preferential treatment during advance  
3 voting to voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to provide for  
4 preferential treatment during certain hours on election day to voters accompanied by children  
5 two years of age or younger; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and  
10 primaries generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-385.1, relating to preferential  
11 treatment for older and disabled voters, as follows:

12 "21-2-385.1.

13 During the period of advance voting established pursuant to subsection (d) of Code  
14 Section 21-2-385, each elector who is 75 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one  
15 or more children two years of age or younger, or who is disabled and requires assistance  
16 in casting an absentee ballot in person at the registrar's office, absentee ballot clerk's office,

17 or other locations as provided for in Code Section 21-2-382 shall, upon request to a  
18 designated office employee or other individual, be authorized to vote immediately at the  
19 next available voting compartment or booth without having to wait in line if such location  
20 utilizes direct recording electronic voting systems or be authorized to go to the head of any  
21 line necessary to cast a written absentee ballot. Notice of the provisions of this Code  
22 section shall be prominently displayed in the registrar's office or absentee ballot clerk's  
23 office."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-409.1, relating to voting by  
26 electors who are 75 years of age or older or disabled electors without having to wait in line,  
27 as follows:

28 "21-2-409.1.

29 On election day between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., each elector who is 75  
30 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one or more children two years of age or  
31 younger, or who is disabled and requires assistance in voting as authorized by Code  
32 Section 21-2-409; shall, upon request to a poll officer, be authorized at any primary or  
33 election to vote immediately at the next available voting compartment or booth without  
34 having to wait in line. Notice of the provisions of this Code section shall be prominently  
35 displayed in the voting place."

36 **SECTION 3.**

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