

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 502:

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 revise provisions  
4 related to voters who need assistance; to provide for preferential treatment during certain  
5 hours on election day to voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to  
6 revise provisions related to voters who need assistance; to provide for related matters; to  
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "21-2-385.1.

14 During the period of advance voting established pursuant to subsection (d) of Code  
15 Section 21-2-385, each elector who is 75 years of age or older, who is accompanied by one  
16 or more children two years of age or younger, or who is disabled ~~and requires assistance~~

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

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 "21-2-409.1.

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

37 **SECTION 3.**

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