

House Bill 267

By: Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Wade of the 9th, Camp of the 131st, Gunter of the 8th,
Cheokas of the 138th, 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 persons who register to vote by mail
3 shall vote for the first time in person; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "(H) An elector who registers to vote in this state by mail shall not be entitled to vote
13 by absentee ballot unless such elector:

14 (i) Has voted in person previously in this state;

15 (ii) Is entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas
16 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. Chapter 203;

18 (iv) Is physically disabled."

19 SECTION 2.

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.