

House Bill 507

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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 regulate the distribution of absentee ballot  
3 applications by third-party entities; to provide for disclaimers and the use of proper forms by  
4 certain persons in distributing absentee ballot applications; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other 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 in Code Section 21-2-381, relating to making of application  
10 for absentee ballot, determination of eligibility by ballot clerk, furnishing of applications to  
11 colleges and universities, and persons entitled to make application, by adding a new  
12 subsection to read as follows:

13 "(f) Other than the Secretary of State or a county election or registration official, no person,  
14 organization, or other entity shall distribute or publish any document or material to electors  
15 that purports to be an application for an absentee ballot; provided, however, that the  
16 Secretary of State shall design and make available on his or her website an application for

17 an absentee ballot form which such person, organization, or other entity may distribute or  
18 publish provided that such form when distributed or published by such person,  
19 organization, or other entity shall prominently display a disclaimer thereon in at least 20  
20 point type which occupies at least 25 percent of the area on the front and back of such  
21 document or material and which shall state:

22 "This is NOT an official government publication and was NOT provided to you by any  
23 governmental entity. It is being distributed by [name and address of person,  
24 organization, or other entity distributing such document or material]."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.