

Senate Bill 36

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th 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 for automatic voter registration in certain
3 circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**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 subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-220, relating
9 to application for registration, identification requirement, rejection for failure to provide
10 required information or for submission of false information, and aid to disabled or illiterate,
11 as follows:

12 "(a) Any person desiring to register as an elector shall apply to do so by making
13 application to a registrar or deputy registrar of such person's county of residence in person,
14 by submission of the federal post card application form as authorized under Code
15 Section 21-2-219, by making application through the Department of Driver Services as
16 provided in Code Section 21-2-221, by making application through the Department of
17 Natural Resources as provided in Code Section 21-2-221.1, by making application online
18 as provided in Code Section 21-2-221.2, by making application through designated offices
19 as provided in Code Section 21-2-222, by automatic registration pursuant to Code
20 Section 21-2-222.1, or by making application by mail as provided in Code
21 Section 21-2-223."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

24 "21-2-222.1.

25 (a) All agencies and offices designated as voter registration agencies in subsection (b) of
26 Code Section 21-2-222, all additional offices designated by the Secretary of State pursuant
27 to subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-222, and all locations authorized for voter
28 registration pursuant to Code Section 21-2-221.1 which record and store digital copies of
29 signatures, collect age and residence data, and process citizenship documentation shall be
30 qualified designated voter registration agencies under this Code section.

31 (b) Each qualified designated voter registration agency in this state shall provide to the
32 Secretary of State the name, age, residence address, and citizenship data for each person
33 who meets the qualifications to register to vote in this state along with a digital copy of the
34 signature of such person.

35 (c) Upon receiving the data and digital signature of an individual pursuant to
36 subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall register such person to vote
37 if the person is qualified to register to vote and is not already registered to vote in this state.
38 The Secretary of State shall use the data and digital signature provided to create a voter
39 registration card for such person.

40 (d) The Secretary of State shall notify each person who is registered to vote pursuant to
41 this Code section of the person's registration and the process by which such person may
42 cancel such registration.

43 (e) No person registered to vote pursuant to this Code section shall be sent an absentee
44 ballot or allowed to cast an absentee ballot in person until at least 14 calendar days have
45 elapsed after the Secretary of State provides notice to such person of such person's
46 registration under this Code section as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section."

47 **SECTION 3.**

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