

Senate Bill 45

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to absentee voting, so as to change the time periods for advance voting; to provide
3 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 absentee voting, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code
8 Section 21-2-385, relating to procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, as
9 follows:

10 "(d)(1) There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth
11 Monday immediately prior to each primary, ~~or election, or and as soon as possible prior~~
12 ~~to a runoff~~ and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or
13 runoff. Voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during
14 such period and shall be conducted on the second ~~Saturday~~ and third Saturdays prior to
15 a primary or election during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.; provided,
16 however, that in primaries and elections in which there are no federal or state candidates
17 on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours shall be required. Except as otherwise provided
18 in this paragraph, counties and municipalities may extend the hours for voting beyond
19 regular business hours and may provide for additional voting locations pursuant to Code
20 Section 21-2-382 to suit the needs of the electors of the jurisdiction at their option."

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

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.