

Senate Bill 99

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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 provide that all advance voting locations shall be
3 open and available for voting on the day of a primary, election, or runoff for any elector of
4 the county to vote; to provide for procedures and requirements; to provide for related matters;
5 to 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 subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, relating to
10 procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, by adding a new paragraph to
11 read as follows:

12 "(3)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, all advance
13 voting locations shall also be open and available for voting on the day of a primary,
14 election, or runoff for any elector of the county to vote. An elector shall have the
15 option of voting in person at any advance voting location or at his or her precinct
16 polling place.

- 17 (B) The election superintendent shall ensure that:
18 (i) Sufficient safeguards are in place to protect against an elector voting more than
19 once in the same primary, election, or runoff;
20 (ii) A sufficient number of ballots of each ballot style used in the county are available
21 at each advance voting location to accommodate electors who may choose to vote at
22 such advance voting location;
23 (iii) If ballot marking devices are to be used at such advance voting locations, a
24 sufficient number of ballot marking devices, as appropriate, are available at each
25 advance voting location to accommodate the potential number of electors who may
26 vote at such advance voting location; and
27 (iv) Sufficient poll workers are available at each advance voting location to
28 accommodate the potential number of electors who may vote at such advance voting
29 location.
- 30 (C) The advance voting location shall be open during the same hours as are precinct
31 polling places.
- 32 (D) The State Election Board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
33 to implement the provisions of this paragraph."

34 **SECTION 2.**
35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.