

Bills in the Georgia Assembly 2021

HB 101 – Restrictions of voting rights for judicially incompetent persons

- Reregistration of electors purged from the list
- Eligibility of nonresidents who vote in presential election.
- Evidence of citizenship
- Check of convicted felons and deceased persons

Removes verbiage regarding convicted felons involving moral turpitude to remain on the rolls and vote once the sentence has been completed.

But does leave in a person who has been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent may remain on the rolls and vote.

HB 113 – Same day registration and voting

- Any person desiring to vote shall apply in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the residence is located on the day of the election or advance voting
 - Must provide identification and proof of residency
 - They will receive a provisional ballot
 - Board of registrars have 3 business day to verify the information and have the voted counted
- May also apply the 5th Monday before the election

SB 149 - Same day registration and voting

- Any person desiring to vote shall apply in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the residence is located on the day of the election or advance voting
 - Must provide identification and proof of residency
 - They will receive a provisional ballot
 - Board of registrars have 3 business day to verify the information and have the voted counted
- May also apply the 5th Monday before the election

HB 121 – Certain electors list maintenance activities

- Entire act has been repealed that allowed for no contact for 5 years having the name removed from the voter rolls
 - Not filed an updated voter registration
 - Not filed a change of name or address
 - Not signed a petition which is required by law to be verified
 - Not signed a voter's certificate
 - Not submitted an absentee ballot application
 - No voted
 - Not confirmed voters same address during the proceeding 5 calendar years

HB – 280 – Certain electors list maintenance activities

- Entire act has been repealed that allowed for no contact for 3 years having the name removed from the voter rolls
 - Not filed an updated voter registration
 - Not filed a change of name or address
 - Not signed a petition which is required by law to be verified
 - Not signed a voter's certificate
 - Not submitted an absentee ballot application
 - No voted
 - Not confirmed voters same address during the proceeding 3 calendar years

HB 484 – Georgia Voting Rights Act

- Making election days a state holiday
- Establish the Georgia Voting Rights commission
- Provide for an independent Legislative and congressional Reapportionment Office
- Provide for the manner and time for redistricting of congressional districts and House of Representatives and Senate districts
- To repeal conflicting laws

HB 77 - Superintendent may permit any elector of the count to vote in any precinct of the county which the elector chooses

- Superintendent may permit any elector of the count to vote in any precinct of the county which the elector chooses
- Sufficient safeguards in place to protect against voter voting more than once in the same election
- Sufficient number ballots for each style used in the county are available
- Sufficient number of poll watchers and equipment are available

HB 28 – Each statutory board and commission reflect general population

- Provide that the composition of each created board and commission reflect the general population
- Minority defined as: Afro-American, Hispanic, Latin, Caribbean, Asian, Southeast Asia, Indian, Pacific Islanders and Hawaiian Islands, Native American, American women, disabled person
- Appointing authority must submit an annual report disclosing this information

HR 28 - Right to register and vote; remove conviction of felony involving moral turpitude as an exception

- House Resolution to amend the Constitution to allow convicted felons involving moral turpitude to register and vote

SB 150 – Automatic voter registration in certain circumstances

- Designated office as voter registration agencies: Dept of Driver Services, Department of Natural Resources and locations authorized for voter registration
 - Records and stores digital copies of signatures, collects age and residence data, and process citizenship documentation
 - Secretary of State shall notify each person who is registered in this manner and give the process by which they may cancel their registration
 - No person registered in this manner shall be sent a absentee ballot or allow to cast an absentee ballot in person until at least 14 calendar days have elapsed since the SOS provides notice to the person of their registration

SB 26 – Absentee ballot drop boxes at every advance voting location

- Each county shall establish a drop box t each advance voting location
- Drop box location shall be open beginning 49 days prior to any election
- On the day of the election every drop box shall be closed and the ballots collected at 7:00PM
- Drop box locations shall have adequate lighting and use a video recording device to monitor each drop box location
- Recording shall be retained by the registrars for a period of not less than 30 days after the final certification
- Prior to the 2nd Monday before an election collection of ballots will be made every 72 hours
- Beginning on the 2nd Monday before an election at each drop box location collection will be made every 24 hours
- On the day of the election every drop box shall be closed and ballots collected at 7:00PM
- Collection of ballots shall be made by a team of at least 2 people
- Ballots shall immediately be transported to the registrar and processed and stored in the same manner as absentee ballots.

HR 39 – Set term limits on members elected to the House of Representatives and Senate (US)

- Requests the US Congress to amend the Constitution of the US to set term limits on the US House of Representatives and US Senate
- Other states as well have asked for term limits
- Asking that GA's requests be added to other state's requests to attain 2/3rd necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject
- Asking that the convention be limited to this subject only and severe criminal penalty for violation of the finite scope of the call
- This application shall continue until at least 2/3rd of the state requirement is met

- Asked that this application be copied and made available to the President, Sec of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Speaker Clerk, Judiciary Committee Chairperson of House of Representatives, General assembly of GA and the officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation

SB 39 – Qualification of Electors’ convictions for offenses involving the purchase, possession, or control of certain controlled substances shall not prevent persons from registering, remaining registered or voting

- (b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'felony involving moral turpitude' shall not include any offense resulting from a violation of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-13-30.
- (2) In addition to the qualifications in subsection (a) of this Code section, no person who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude may register, remain registered, or vote except upon completion of the sentence
 - After the sentence has been completed the felon may vote!

SB 79 – Felonies involving moral turpitude; shall not register to, remain registered to, or vote

- List of felony involving moral turpitude:
 - (A) Murder in violation of Code Section 16-5-1;
 - (B) Voluntary manslaughter in violation of Code Section 16-5-2;
 - (C) Aggravated assault in violation of Code Section 16-5-21;
 - (D) Battery in violation of subsection (e), (i), or (k) of Code Section 16-5-23.1;
 - (E) Aggravated battery in violation of Code Section 16-5-24;
 - (F) Female genital mutilation in violation of Code Section 16-5-27;
 - (G) Kidnapping in violation of Code Section 16-5-40;
 - (H) False imprisonment in violation of Code Section 16-5-41 or 16-5-42;
 - (I) Malicious confinement of a sane person in an asylum in violation of Code Section 16-5-43;
 - (J) Hijacking an aircraft in violation of Code Section 16-5-44;
 - (K) Hijacking a motor vehicle in violation of Code Section 16-5-44.1;
 - (L) Trafficking a person for labor or sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46;
 - (M) Aggravated stalking in violation of Code Section 16-5-91;
 - (N) Trafficking a disabled adult, elder person, or resident in violation of Code Section 16-5-102.1;
 - (O) Rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-1;
 - (P) Aggravated sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
 - (Q) Child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4;
 - (R) Enticing a child for indecent purposes in violation of Code Section 16-6-5;
 - (S) Sexual battery in violation of subsection (d) or (e) of Code Section 16-6-22.1;
 - (T) Burglary in violation of Code Section 16-7-1;
 - (U) Smash and grab burglary in violation of Code Section 16-7-2;
 - (V) Home invasion in violation of Code Section 16-7-5;
 - (W) Armed robbery in violation of Code Section 16-8-41;

- (X) Violation of oath by public officer in violation of Code Section 16-10-1
- (Z) Influencing of legislative action by state and local government officers and employees in violation of Code Section 16-10-4;
- (AA) Aiding or permitting another to escape lawful custody or confinement in violation of Code Section 16-10-53;
- (BB) Assailing, opposing, or resisting an officer of the law in a penal institution in violation of Code Section 16-10-54;
- (CC) Persuading, enticing, instigating, aiding, or abetting a person in a penal institution
 - to commit mutiny in violation of Code Section 16-10-55;
- (DD) Unlawful acts of violence in a penal institution in violation of Code Section 16-10-56;
- (EE) Treason in violation of Code Section 16-11-1;
- (FF) Insurrection in violation of Code Section 16-11-2;
- (GG) Inciting to insurrection in violation of Code Section 16-11-3;
- (HH) Domestic terrorism in violation of Code Section 16-11-221;
- (II) Sexual exploitation of children in violation of Code Section 16-12-100;
- (JJ) Obscene telephone contact in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.3; and
- (KK) Bus or rail vehicle hijacking and boarding with a concealed weapon in violation of Code Section 16-12-123
- No person who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude may register to, remain registered to, or vote except upon completion of the sentence
 - After completion of the sentence the felon may vote
 - The felon may not vote while incarcerated
 - Restriction of voting does not apply to:
 - Has completed the period of incarceration
 - Is on probation
 - Is on parole
 - Is subject to drug abuse treatment and education program
 - Is subject to residential treatment program for drugs

SB 99 – All advance voting location shall be open and available for voting on the day of election

- All advance voting location shall be open and available for voting on the day of the election
- Voters shall have the option of voting in person at any advance voting location or at his or her precinct polling place
 - Superintendent may permit any elector of the count to vote in any precinct of the county which the elector chooses
 - Sufficient safeguards in place to protect against voter voting more than once in the same election
 - Sufficient number ballots for each style used in the county are available
 - Sufficient number of poll watchers and equipment are available
- The advance voting location shall be open during the same hours as the precinct polling places