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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to elections; to amend Section 17-9-13, Code of Alabama 1975, to require an election official to allow a voter who is physically disabled or over the age of 70 to move to the front of the line at a polling place if the voter so requests.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-9-13, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-9-13.

"(a) Any person who wishes assistance in voting may receive assistance from any person the voter chooses except the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The voter is not required to state a reason for requesting assistance. To obtain assistance, the voter must specifically request assistance by naming the person from whom assistance is sought and by signing in the appropriate column of the voters' poll list. The person providing assistance shall legibly sign in the adjacent column on the same line as the assisted voter's name. By signing the poll list, the assistant shall certify that he or she is not the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. If the voter is unable to sign the poll list, the person giving assistance

1 shall write the voter's name in the appropriate column and
2 then sign his or her own name in the third column.

3 "(b) Any voter remaining in a voting station,
4 including, but not limited to, a voting machine, table, booth,
5 or device that permits a voter to complete a ballot in
6 privacy, for four minutes or longer may be asked by a poll
7 official if he or she requires assistance. At the same time,
8 the voter shall be reminded that he or she has the right to
9 have the assistance of any other person as permitted by law in
10 this section, and that the poll officials may assist the voter
11 if he or she so desires. If the voter does not desire
12 assistance, the voter shall be permitted to remain in the
13 voting station for no less than one additional minute. At the
14 end of this additional minute, and if there exists a line of
15 individuals waiting to vote, the voter may be informed that
16 time is up and be asked to leave. If there is no line, the
17 voter shall have as much time as necessary to finish voting.
18 If the voter does request assistance, the voter may have the
19 assistance of any person of his or her choosing currently in
20 the voting place, as permitted by law in this section, and may
21 have no less than an additional five minutes to vote. At the
22 end of this additional five minutes, and if there exists a
23 line of individuals waiting to vote, the voter may be informed
24 that the time is up and be asked to leave the voting station.
25 If there is no line, the voter shall have as much time as

1 necessary to finish voting. Before an assigned voter exits the
2 voting place, the voters' poll list must be revised to reflect
3 that assistance was received.

4 "(c) An election official shall allow any voter who
5 is physically mobility disabled or over the age of 70, who so
6 requests, to move to the front of the line at the polling
7 place.

8 "(c)(d) This section applies to general, primary,
9 and special elections."

10 (e) The Chief election official at each polling
11 place shall post a public notice at each polling place
12 explaining physically mobility disabled voters or voters over
13 the age of 70 are allowed, upon their request, to move to the
14 front of the line at the polling place.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 31-MAR-15, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	<hr/> 21-MAY-15 <hr/>	Amended and Passed
House	<hr/> 26-MAY-15 <hr/>	Concurred in Senate Amendment