

House Bill 160

By: Representatives Day of the 126<sup>th</sup> and Stephens of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2A of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to contributions to candidates for public office, so as to prohibit certain contributions  
3 by certain applicants for judgeships; to prohibit certain contributions by candidates for  
4 judicial office; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 2A of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 contributions to candidates for public office, is amended by adding a new Code section at the  
9 end thereof, to be designated Code Section 21-5-45, to read as follows:

10 "21-5-45.

11 (a) No person who is under consideration by the Judicial Nominating Commission for  
12 appointment to a judgeship by the Governor shall make a contribution to the Governor, a  
13 candidate for the office of Governor, or the campaign committee of such officer or  
14 candidate during the period of consideration before such commission.

15 (b) No person who is a candidate for any judicial office in this state shall make a  
16 contribution to any candidate for the General Assembly or any candidate for state-wide  
17 elected office."

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

19 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
20 without such approval.

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.