

House Bill 1275

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to appointment and vacancies, so as to provide for additional qualifications with
3 respect to certain appointments made by the Governor; to provide for an effective date; to
4 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 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 appointment and vacancies, is amended by adding a new Code section immediately
9 following Code Section 45-12-50, to be designated Code Section 45-12-50.1 to read as
10 follows:

11 "45-12-50.1.

12 All appointments made by the Governor to fill position of a head of a state department or
13 agency which require the appointed officer to be responsible for preparing or managing the
14 budget of such department or agency shall be subject to the qualifications specified in this
15 Code section. Any such appointed person shall:

16 (1) Be a citizen of the United States;

17 (2) Not have made a campaign contribution to the Governor's campaign committee after
18 the period commencing at three months prior to a published announcement of that
19 person's intent to seek the Office of Governor, or the date of qualifying for that office,
20 whichever occurs first; and

21 (3) Have demonstrated to the Office of Planning and Budget and to the media that such
22 person is able to balance a checkbook by:

23 (A) Swearing or affirming that person has balanced and reconciled a checkbook at least
24 one time; and

1 (B) Providing an affidavit from a certified public accountant that such person has
2 performed the act of balancing and reconciling a checkbook without assistance in the
3 presence of such accountant."

4 **SECTION 2.**

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

7 **SECTION 3.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.