

Senate Bill 534

By: Senator Levetan of the 40th and Adelman of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-92 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 qualifications of poll officers, so as to remove the requirement that poll officers be residents
3 of the county or municipality in which they serve; to require that all poll officers who are 18
4 years of age or older be registered voters; to provide for related matters; to provide an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 21-2-92 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications
9 of poll officers, is amended by striking the Code section and inserting in lieu thereof a new
10 Code Section 21-2-92 to read as follows:

11 "21-2-92.

12 (a) Poll officers appointed pursuant to Code Sections 21-2-90 and 21-2-91 shall be
13 judicious, intelligent, and upright citizens of the United States, ~~residents of the county in~~
14 ~~which they are appointed or, in the case of municipal elections, residents of the~~
15 ~~municipality in which the election is to be held or of the county in which that municipality~~
16 ~~is located~~, 16 years of age or over, registered voters of this state if 18 years of age or older,
17 and shall be able to read, write, and speak the English language. No poll officer shall be
18 eligible for any nomination for public office or to be voted for at a primary or election at
19 which the poll officer shall serve. No person who is otherwise holding public office, other
20 than a political party office, shall be eligible to be appointed as or to serve as a poll officer.
21 A parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,
22 daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of a candidate shall not be eligible to serve
23 as a poll officer in any precinct in which such candidate's name appears on the ballot in any
24 primary or election.

25 (b) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, in~~ In the event
26 that a municipal primary or election is held in conjunction with a regular county, state, or

1 federal election, poll officers assigned by the county election superintendent to conduct
2 such county, state, or federal election shall also be authorized to serve as poll officers to
3 conduct such municipal election or primary ~~and shall not be required to be residents of said~~
4 ~~municipality."~~

5 **SECTION 2.**

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

8 **SECTION 3.**

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