

House Bill 1516

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Presidential Preference Primary, so as to provide for establishment of the  
3 qualifications of candidates for President; to provide for affidavits and supporting  
4 documentation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
9 Presidential Preference Primary, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-193, relating to  
10 submission of names of candidates by political parties, as follows:

11 "21-2-193.

12 (a) Not later than November 1 of the year preceding the year in which a presidential  
13 preference primary is to be held, the state executive committee of each party which is to  
14 conduct a presidential preference primary shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of the  
15 names of the candidates of such party to appear on the presidential preference primary  
16 ballot. Such lists shall be published by the Secretary of State in a newspaper of general  
17 circulation in the state during the first week of December in the year immediately  
18 preceding the year in which the presidential preference primary is to be held.

19 (b) Within 10 days after submitting its list of names of candidates, the state executive  
20 committee shall submit to the Secretary of State for each candidate an affidavit by the  
21 candidate stating the candidate's citizenship and age and shall append to the affidavit  
22 documents that prove the candidate is a natural born citizen, prove the candidate's age, and  
23 prove that the candidate meets the residency requirements for President of the United States  
24 as prescribed in Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

25 (c) The Secretary of State shall review the affidavit and supporting documents submitted  
26 for each candidate; and if the Secretary of State finds reasonable cause to believe that the

27 candidate does not meet the citizenship, age, and residency requirements prescribed by law,  
28 the Secretary of State shall not place that candidate's name on the ballot."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.