

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 413:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relating to eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to
3 provide an exception from the prohibition against residence requirements in a municipality
4 or county as a condition of employment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relating to eligibility and qualifications for office, is amended by revising
10 Code Section 45-2-5, relating to municipal or county governments not to require residence
11 as condition of employment, as follows:

12 "45-2-5.

13 No municipal or county government in this state shall require as a condition of employment
14 by such government that applicants for employment as officers or employees, or such
15 officers or employees now or hereafter employed, must reside within the boundaries of the
16 municipality or county; provided, however, that this Code section shall not apply to city
17 managers, county managers, or nonemployee officials appointed by the governing authority
18 of a municipality, county, or consolidated government; and provided, further, that this
19 Code section shall not apply to departmental heads of municipalities, counties, or
20 consolidated governments as defined by such municipalities, counties, or consolidated
21 governments by ordinance or resolution."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.