

## House Bill 376

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Bearden of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Powell of the 171<sup>st</sup>, Ramsey of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-16-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 honorary office of sheriff emeritus created and qualifications, certificate, and effect, so as to  
3 modify the qualifications for the honorary office of sheriff emeritus; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-16-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the honorary  
8 office of sheriff emeritus created and qualifications, certificate, and effect, is amended by  
9 revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) There is created the honorary office of sheriff emeritus of the State of Georgia. Any  
11 sheriff of any county of this state who retires under honorable conditions, ~~after having~~  
12 ~~attained the age of 75 years and after having served as sheriff for 45~~ vests in the Sheriffs'  
13 Retirement Fund of Georgia, attains the age of 65, and serves as sheriff for 20 or more  
14 years shall automatically hold the honorary office of sheriff emeritus of the State of  
15 Georgia."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.