

House Bill 534

By: Representatives Fullerton of the 151st, Willard of the 49th, Oliver of the 83rd, Powell of the 171st, Dukes of the 150th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 additional eligibility requirements in certain counties, so as to modify the eligibility
3 requirements; to amend Code Section 15-9-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
4 relating to judges of probate courts as clerks thereof, chief clerk, authority to appoint other
5 clerks, powers of appointed clerks, so as to modify provisions relating to the application of
6 the Code section; to amend Code Section 15-9-120 of the Official Code of Georgia
7 Annotated, relating to definitions for probate courts, so as to modify provisions relating to
8 the definition of probate court; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
9 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 15-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating additional eligibility
13 requirements in certain counties, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

14 "(b) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c) of this Code section, in any county of
15 this state having a population of more than ~~96,000~~ 90,000 persons according to the United
16 States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census and in which the probate court
17 of such county meets the definition of a probate court as provided by Article 6 of this
18 chapter, no person shall be judge of the probate court unless at the time of election, in
19 addition to the qualifications required by law, he or she has attained the age of 30 years and
20 has been admitted to practice law for seven years preceding election."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Code Section 15-9-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judges of
23 probate courts as clerks thereof, chief clerk, authority to appoint other clerks, and powers of
24 appointed clerks, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

