

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 534:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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

"(b) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c) of this Code section, in any county of this state having a population of more than ~~96,000~~ 90,000 persons according to the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2010 or any future such census and in which the probate court of such county meets the definition of a probate court as provided by Article 6 of this chapter, no person shall be judge of the probate court unless at the time of election, in addition to the qualifications required by law, he or she has attained the age of 30 years and has been admitted to practice law for seven years preceding election."

**SECTION 2.**

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

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28 **SECTION 3.**  
29 Code Section 15-9-120 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for  
30 probate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

## 35 SECTION 4.

37 SECTION 5.

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