15 LC 28 7301

House Bill 73

6

By: Representatives Turner of the 21st, Hamilton of the 24th, Taylor of the 173rd, Caldwell of the 20th, Hightower of the 68th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 45-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 persons ineligible to hold office, vacation of office, and validity of acts performed while in
- 3 office, so as to authorize counties and municipalities to provide by local law for district
- 4 durational residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
- 5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

- 8 Code Section 45-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons ineligible
- 9 to hold office, vacation of office, and validity of acts performed while in office, is amended
- 10 by revising paragraph (1) as follows:
- 11 "(1) Persons who are not citizens of this state and persons under the age of 21 years;
- provided, however, that upon passage of appropriate local ordinances, citizens of this
- state who are otherwise qualified and who have attained 18 years of age shall be eligible
- to hold any county or municipal office, except such offices of a judicial nature. The
- residency requirement for a candidate for any county office, except offices of a judicial
- nature, shall be 12 months residency within the county. The residency requirement for
- a candidate for any municipal office, except offices of a judicial nature, shall be 12
- months residency within the municipality; provided, however, that municipalities may
- by charter provide for lesser residency requirements for candidates for municipal office,
- 20 except offices of a judicial nature. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph to the
- 21 <u>contrary, the General Assembly may provide by local law for a period of district</u>
- 22 <u>residency for candidates for any county or municipal governing authority or board of</u>
- 23 education who are elected from districts not to exceed 12 months residency within the
- 24 <u>district from which each such candidate seeks election;</u>"

15 LC 28 7301

25	SECTION 2.
23	

- 26 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
- 27 without such approval.

28 SECTION 3.

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.