

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 and Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and  
3 other governmental entities and general provisions relating to state government, respectively,  
4 so as to require that individuals appointed to authorities, boards, councils, and commissions  
5 be United States citizens; to provide for other residency requirements; to provide for a  
6 definition; to provide for enforcement; to provide an effective date and applicability; to  
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
11 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities,  
12 is amended by revising Code Section 36-80-1, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

13 "36-80-1.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'local governing body' means any political  
15 subdivision of this state, including any county, consolidated government, municipality, or  
16 any other local public body corporate, governmental unit, or political subdivision.

17 (b) No individual shall be appointed to serve on an authority, school district, commission,  
18 council, or board for a local governing body unless he or she is a citizen of the United  
19 States and a legal resident of the jurisdiction being served for one year immediately  
20 preceding such appointment.

21 (c) It shall be the duty of the appointing body to ensure compliance with this Code  
22 section."

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**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-1-10.

No individual shall be appointed to serve on a state authority, board, council, or commission unless he or she is a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of the state for four years immediately preceding such appointment. It shall be the duty of the appointing body to ensure compliance with this Code section."

**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016, and shall apply to appointments made on or after such date.

**SECTION 4.**

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