

Senate Bill 110

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Henson of the 41st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to
3 change the minimum age for holding civil office; to provide an exception; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, is amended by revising
9 paragraph (1) of Code Section 45-2-1, relating to persons ineligible to hold civil office,
10 vacation of office, and validity of acts performed while in office, as follows:

11 "(1) Persons who are not citizens of this state and persons under the age of ~~21~~ 18 years,
12 except such offices of a judicial nature; provided, however, that ~~upon passage of~~
13 ~~appropriate local ordinances, by local law, counties and municipalities may provide that~~
14 citizens of this state who are otherwise qualified and ~~who shall~~ shall have attained ~~18~~ at
15 least 21 years of age ~~shall~~ to be eligible to hold any county or municipal office, except
16 such offices of a judicial nature. The residency requirement for a candidate for any
17 county office, except offices of a judicial nature, shall be 12 months residency within the
18 county. The residency requirement for a candidate for any municipal office, except
19 offices of a judicial nature, shall be 12 months residency within the municipality;
20 provided, however, that municipalities may by charter provide for lesser residency
21 requirements for candidates for municipal office, except offices of a judicial nature.
22 Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph to the contrary, the General Assembly may
23 provide by local law for a period of district residency for candidates for any county or
24 municipal governing authority or board of education who are elected from districts not
25 to exceed 12 months residency within the district from which each such candidate seeks
26 election. Any local law previously enacted by the General Assembly providing for a

27 period of district residency for candidates for county or municipal office which does not
28 exceed 12 months shall be granted full force and effect;”.

29 **SECTION 2.**

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