

House Bill 957

By: Representatives Price of the 48th, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, and Drenner of the 85th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for certain notices and certifications with
3 regard to certain persons handling the qualification of candidates; to provide for related
4 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 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and
8 primaries generally, is amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 21-2-132, relating
9 to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit, payment of qualifying fee,
10 pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee, and military
11 service, as follows:

12 "(i) ~~Reserved~~ The person with whom a candidate for a county or municipal governing
13 authority qualifies shall promptly notify the governing authority in writing by certified mail
14 as to any known issues relative to such candidate's eligibility for the office for which such
15 candidate qualified. Such person shall certify in writing to the county or municipal
16 governing authority, as appropriate, prior to the beginning of the qualification period that
17 such person has read and reviewed and understands the qualifications for candidates to seek
18 such offices."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-153, relating to qualification
21 of candidates for party nomination in a state or county primary, posting of list of all qualified
22 candidates, filing of affidavit with political party by each qualifying candidate, and
23 performance of military service does not create vacancy, by adding a new subsection to read
24 as follows:

25 "(h) The person with whom a candidate for a county or municipal governing authority
26 qualifies shall promptly notify the governing authority in writing by certified mail as to any
27 known issues relative to such candidate's eligibility for the office for which such candidate
28 qualified. Such person shall certify in writing to the county or municipal governing
29 authority, as appropriate, prior to the beginning of the qualification period that such person
30 has read and reviewed and understands the qualifications for candidates to seek such
31 offices."

32 **SECTION 3.**

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