

Senate Bill 455

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

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 primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that persons 17 years of age may register
3 to vote and may vote in political party primaries under certain conditions; 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 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
8 elections generally, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 21-2-216,
9 relating to qualifications of electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list,
10 eligibility of nonresidents who vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for
11 standing as elector, evidence of citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased
12 persons databases, as follows:

13 "(a) No person shall vote in any primary or election held in this state unless such person
14 shall be:

15 (1) Registered as an elector in the manner prescribed by law;

16 (2) A citizen of this state and of the United States;

17 (3) At least 18 years of age on or before the date of the primary or election in which such
18 person seeks to vote; provided, however, that, if such person shall become 18 years of age
19 on or before the date of an election, such 17 year old person may vote in a primary of a
20 political party immediately preceding such election;

21 (4) A resident of this state and of the county or municipality in which he or she seeks to
22 vote; and

23 (5) Possessed of all other qualifications prescribed by law."

24 "(c) Any person who possesses the qualifications of an elector except that concerning age
25 shall be permitted to register to vote if such person ~~will acquire such qualification within~~
26 ~~six months after the day of registration~~ is at least 17 years of age; provided, however, that

27 such person shall not be permitted to vote in a primary or election unless such person shall
28 be at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the primary or election in which such
29 person seeks to vote; provided, further, that, if such person shall become 18 years of age
30 on or before the date of an election, such 17 year old person may vote in a primary of a
31 political party immediately preceding such election."

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.