

Senate Bill 521

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th, Jordan of the 6th and others

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 revise the qualifications of poll officers; to provide
3 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 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 subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-92, relating
9 to qualifications of poll officers, service during municipal election or primary, and Student
10 Teen Election Participant (STEP) program, as follows:

11 "(a) Poll officers appointed pursuant to Code Sections 21-2-90 and 21-2-91 shall be
12 judicious, intelligent, and upright citizens of the United States, residents of ~~or otherwise~~
13 ~~employed by the county in which they are appointed or, in the case of municipal elections,~~
14 ~~residents of or otherwise employed by the municipality in which the election is to be held~~
15 ~~or of the county in which that municipality is located~~ the State of Georgia, 16 years of age
16 or ~~over~~ older, and shall be able to read, write, and speak the English language. No poll
17 officer shall be eligible for any nomination for public office or to be voted for at a primary
18 or election at which the poll officer shall serve. No person who is otherwise holding public
19 office, other than a political party office, shall be eligible to be appointed as or to serve as
20 a poll officer. A parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law,
21 son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of a candidate shall not be
22 eligible to serve as a poll officer in any precinct in which such candidate's name appears
23 on the ballot in any primary or election."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.