

Senate Bill 179

By: Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Butler of the 55th, Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 6th, Islam of the 7th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-216 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 qualifications of electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list, eligibility of
3 nonresidents who vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for standing as
4 elector, evidence of citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased persons
5 databases, so as to provide restrictions of voting rights for judicially incompetent persons;
6 to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic
7 repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 21-2-216 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications
11 of electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list, eligibility of nonresidents
12 who vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for standing as elector, evidence
13 of citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased persons databases, is amended by
14 revising subsection (b) as follows:

15 "(b) In addition to the qualifications in subsection (a) of this Code section, no person who
16 ~~has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude may register, remain registered,~~
17 ~~or vote except upon completion of the sentence and no person~~ who has been judicially

18 determined to be mentally incompetent may register, remain registered, or vote unless the
19 disability has been removed."

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SECTION 2.

21 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, only if an amendment to the
22 Constitution of Georgia is ratified at the November, 2024, general election removing a
23 conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude as an exception to the right to register and
24 vote. If such an amendment to the Constitution is not so ratified, this Act shall not become
25 effective and shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2025.

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SECTION 3.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.