

Senate Bill 35

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st 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 elections and primaries generally, so as to revise the qualifications of poll officers; to provide
3 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and
7 primaries generally, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-92, relating
8 to qualifications of poll officers, service during municipal election or primary, and Student
9 Teen Election Participant (STEP) program, as follows:

10 "(a) Poll officers appointed pursuant to Code Sections 21-2-90 and 21-2-91 shall be
11 judicious, intelligent, and upright citizens of the United States, residents of ~~or otherwise~~
12 ~~employed by the county in which they are appointed or, in the case of municipal elections,~~
13 ~~residents of or otherwise employed by the municipality in which the election is to be held~~
14 ~~or of the county in which that municipality is located~~ this state, 16 years of age or over, and
15 shall be able to read, write, and speak the English language. No poll officer shall be
16 eligible for any nomination for public office or to be voted for at a primary or election at

17 which the poll officer shall serve. No person who is otherwise holding public office, other
18 than a political party office, shall be eligible to be appointed as or to serve as a poll officer.
19 A parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,
20 daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of a candidate shall not be eligible to serve
21 as a poll officer in any precinct in which such candidate's name appears on the ballot in any
22 primary or election."

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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.