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House Bill 166 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to constables, clerk, and other court personnel, so as to provide for the qualification
- 3 of constables; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
- 4 purposes.

## 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

- 6 SECTION 1.
- 7 Article 6 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 8 constables, clerk, and other court personnel, is amended by revising Code Section 15-10-101,
- 9 relating to eligibility of constables, as follows:
- 10 "15-10-101.
- 11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the eligibility for constable
- is the same as for magistrate. Each constable taking office on or after July 1, 2023, shall:
- 13 (1) Be at least 21 years of age;
- 14 (2) Be a citizen of the United States;
- 15 (3) Be a registered voter; and

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16 (4) Have obtained a state accredited high school diploma or general educational development (GED) diploma.

- 18 (b) Each constable shall have attained the age of at least 21 years prior to the date of his
- 19 assuming the duties of constable. Additional qualifications for the office of chief constable
- 20 or constable or both may be imposed by local law."
- 21 SECTION 2.
- 22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.