

House Bill 946

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th and Wilkinson of the 52nd

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 qualifying times for nonpartisan
3 municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
4 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 elections and
8 primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of
9 candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit; payment of qualifying fee; pauper's affidavit
10 and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee; and military service, by revising
11 paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

12 "(3) Each candidate for a nonpartisan municipal office or a designee shall file a notice
13 of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's
14 municipality during the municipality's nonpartisan qualifying period. Each municipal
15 superintendent shall designate the days of such qualifying period, which shall be no less
16 than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be
17 consecutive days. Nonpartisan qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30
18 A.M. on the ~~last~~ third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and
19 shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special
20 election, the municipal nonpartisan qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the
21 date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election; and"

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

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

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.