

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 88:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, so as to revise the qualifications for superior court judges; to provide for the vacation of such office under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-4, relating to qualifications of superior court judges, as follows:

"15-6-4.

(a) No person shall be judge of the superior courts unless, at the time of his or her election, he or she has attained the age of 30 years, has been a citizen of the state for three years, has practiced law for seven years, and is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia and has been duly reinstated to the practice of law in the event of his or her disbarment therefrom.

(b) The office of any superior court judge shall be vacated upon the disbarment or suspension from the practice of law of such judge by the Supreme Court whether voluntary or involuntary and upon order of the Supreme Court providing for such removal from office."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.