

Senate Bill 26

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Jones of the 25th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of coroner of Bibb County shall be nonpartisan
2 elections; to amend an Act creating the Civil Court of Bibb County, approved March 3, 1955
3 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2552), as amended, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of the judge
4 of said court; to provide that future elections for the office of chief magistrate judge of the
5 Magistrate Court of Bibb County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide that future
6 elections for the office of probate judge of Bibb County shall be nonpartisan elections; to
7 provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
8 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I

Coroner of Bibb County.

SECTION 1.

13 All elections for the office of coroner of Bibb County conducted after January 1, 2013, shall
14 be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such
15 nonpartisan elections shall be held on the election date provided for by said Code section
16 immediately preceding expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in
17 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

SECTION 2.

18 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the coroner of Bibb County in office on
19 January 1, 2013. The sitting coroner shall serve out the term of office for which he or she
20 was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act.
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ARTICLE IV

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Judge of Probate Court of Bibb County.

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SECTION 6.

56 All elections for the office of probate judge of Bibb County conducted after the effective date
 57 of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the
 58 O.C.G.A. and shall be held on the election date provided for by said Code section
 59 immediately preceding the expiration of the term of such respective office. Such nonpartisan
 60 elections shall be held and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A.,
 61 the "Georgia Election Code."

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SECTION 7.

63 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the probate judge of Bibb County in
 64 office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting probate judge shall serve out the term of
 65 office for which such probate judge was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or
 66 herself as provided in this Act.

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ARTICLE V

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Voting Rights Act.

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SECTION 8.

70 The governing authority of Bibb County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
 71 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
 72 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
 73 appropriate court no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
 74 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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ARTICLE VI

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Repealer.

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SECTION 9.

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