

House Bill 1472

By: Representative Amerson of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the nonpartisan nomination and election of the chief magistrate of the
2 Magistrate Court of Lumpkin County; to provide for the requirements and procedures of the
3 nonpartisan nomination and election; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing;
4 to provide for the authority for this Act; to provide for submission of this Act for approval
5 under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 The chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Lumpkin County shall be elected by the
10 qualified voters of Lumpkin County in a nonpartisan primary and election. Except as
11 otherwise provided in this Act, the chief magistrate of the magistrate court shall be elected
12 pursuant to the general elections laws of Georgia.

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 The chief magistrate of the magistrate court shall be elected at the nonpartisan primary and
15 general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the chief
16 magistrate and shall take office on January 1 immediately following such election for a term
17 of four years and until such chief magistrate's successor is elected and qualified.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 Candidates for the office of chief magistrate of the magistrate court shall be nominated in a
20 nonpartisan primary to be held at the same time as and in conjunction with the general
21 primary every four years. A nominating petition shall not be required to place the name of
22 any such candidate on the primary ballot. A candidate may have his or her name placed on
23 the primary ballot by filing a notice of candidacy with the county election superintendent and
24 by paying the qualifying fee.

