

Senate Bill 9

By: Senator Cheeks of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-2-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 authorization for and conduct of nonpartisan elections, so as to provide that the General
3 Assembly may provide by local Act for the nonpartisan election of sheriffs and district
4 attorneys; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 21-2-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
7 authorization for and conduct of nonpartisan elections, is amended by striking in its entirety
8 subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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10 "(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, the General
11 Assembly may provide by local Act for the nomination and election in nonpartisan
12 primaries and elections of candidates to fill county judicial offices, the office of county
13 sheriff, the office of district attorney, offices of local school boards, and offices of
14 consolidated governments which are filled by the vote of the electors of said county or
15 political subdivision. The General Assembly may provide by local Act for the election of
16 such officers at nonpartisan elections without a prior nonpartisan primary. Except as
17 otherwise provided in this Code section, the procedures to be employed in such nonpartisan
18 primaries, if applicable, and elections shall conform as nearly as practicable to the
19 procedures governing nonpartisan primaries and nonpartisan elections as provided in this
20 chapter. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, the election procedures
21 established by any existing local law which provides for the nonpartisan nomination, if
22 applicable, and election of candidates to fill county offices shall conform to the general
23 procedures governing nonpartisan primaries, if applicable, and nonpartisan elections as
24 provided in this chapter, and such nonpartisan primaries, if applicable, and nonpartisan
25 elections shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of this chapter,
26 notwithstanding the provisions of any existing local law."

SECTION 2.

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2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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