

House Bill 805

By: Representatives Williams of the 128th, Keen of the 146th, and DeLoach of the 127th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of McIntosh County shall be
2 nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights
3 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 All elections for the office of probate judge of McIntosh County conducted after the effective
8 date of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of
9 the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held and conducted as provided in Chapter
10 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the probate judge of McIntosh County
13 in office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting probate judge shall serve out the term
14 of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself
15 as provided in this Act.

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

22 **SECTION 4.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.