

Senate Bill 371

By: Senator Kemp of the 3rd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Long County shall be  
2 nonpartisan elections and provide for an election date; to provide for submission of this Act  
3 under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to  
4 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for 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 Long 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. and shall be conducted at the time of the general primary election immediately  
10 preceding the expiration of the term of such office. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held  
11 and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election  
12 Code."

13 **SECTION 2.**

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

18 **SECTION 3.**

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

1 **SECTION 4.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 5.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.