

House Bill 612 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Hudson of the 124<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Warren County shall be  
2 nonpartisan elections held at the time of certain general primary elections; to provide for  
3 submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide  
4 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 All elections for the office of probate judge of Warren County conducted after the effective  
9 date of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of  
10 the O.C.G.A. and shall be conducted at the general primary election immediately preceding  
11 the expiration of the term of such respective office. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held  
12 and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election  
13 Code."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 The governing authority of Warren County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to  
21 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, not  
22 later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise  
23 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5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.