

Senate Bill 356

By: Senator Staton of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the probate judge of Bibb 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 such probate judge was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or
17 herself as provided in this Act.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 The governing authority of Bibb 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, not
21 later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise
22 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5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.