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House Bill 690 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To repeal an Act providing that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook County shall serve
- 2 as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County, approved March 12, 1984
- 3 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4090), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 25, 1996
- 4 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3609), so as to provide for the election of the chief magistrate of the
- 5 Magistrate Court of Cook County; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for
- 6 submission of the Act for preclearance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
- 7 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

- 10 Effective January 1, 2011, an Act providing that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook
- 11 County shall serve as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County, approved
- 12 March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4090), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
- 13 March 25, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3609), is repealed in its entirety.

14 SECTION 2.

- 15 The term of office of the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County in office
- on January 1, 2010, shall terminate on December 31, 2010. In the 2010 general election and
- 17 in the November general election every four years thereafter, a successor to the chief
- 18 magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County shall be elected in accordance with the
- 19 provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A. for a term of office of four years
- 20 beginning on the first day of January immediately following such election. Vacancies in
- such office occurring on and after January 1, 2011, shall be filled in accordance with the
- provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A.

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SECTION 3.

- 2 It shall be the duty of the governing authority of Cook County to submit this Act for
- 3 preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, within 45 days
- 4 after such Act is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

5 SECTION 4.

- 6 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
- 7 without such approval.

8 SECTION 5.

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.