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House Bill 750 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134th

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To provide that future elections for the office of judge of the probate court of Sumter County
- 2 shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under
- 3 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal
- 4 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 judge of the probate court of Sumter County conducted after
- 8 January 1, 2008, 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 in conjunction with the November
- 10 general election immediately preceding expiration of the term of office and conducted as
- provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."
- 12 SECTION 2.
- 13 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the judge of the probate court of Sumter
- 14 County in office on January 1, 2008. The sitting judge of the probate court shall serve out
- 15 the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or
- 16 herself as provided in this Act.
- SECTION 3.
- 18 The governing authority of Sumter County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
- 19 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no
- 20 later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise
- 21 becomes law without such approval.
- SECTION 4.
- 23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.