

Senate Bill 26

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Jones of the 25th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To provide that future elections for the office of coroner of Bibb County shall be nonpartisan
2 elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
3 as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 All elections for the office of coroner of Bibb County conducted after January 1, 2013, shall
7 be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such
8 nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction with the November general election
9 immediately preceding expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in
10 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the coroner of Bibb County in office on
13 January 1, 2013. The sitting coroner shall serve out the term of office for which he or she
14 was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act.

15 **SECTION 3.**

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

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.