

The House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination offers the following substitute to SB 26:

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 amend an Act creating the Civil Court of Bibb County, approved March 3, 1955
3 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2552), as amended, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of the judge
4 of said court; to provide that future elections for the office of chief magistrate judge of the
5 Magistrate Court of Bibb County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide that future
6 elections for the office of probate judge of Bibb County shall be nonpartisan elections held
7 at the time of certain general primary elections; to provide for submission of this Act under
8 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal
9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I

Coroner of Bibb County.

SECTION 1.

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

SECTION 2.

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

23 **ARTICLE II**

24 Judges of Civil Court of Bibb County.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 An Act creating the Civil Court of Bibb County, approved March 3, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955,
27 p. 2552), as amended, is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

28 "SECTION 4.

29 Judge. Term, oath.

30 Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be a Judge of said Civil
31 Court of Bibb County whose term of office shall be four years, and who shall be elected
32 by the qualified voters of Bibb County quadrennially in nonpartisan elections as provided
33 for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. The Judge of said Civil Court of Bibb
34 County shall be commissioned by the Governor, and before entering upon the duties of
35 such office shall take the same oath required by law of the judges of the superior court.
36 Nothing in this section shall affect the term of office of the Judge of the Civil Court of Bibb
37 County in office on January 1, 2013. Such sitting judge of the Civil Court of Bibb County
38 shall serve out the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to
39 succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act."

40 **ARTICLE III**

41 Judge of Magistrate Court of Bibb County.

42 **SECTION 4.**

43 All elections for the office of chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Bibb County
44 conducted after January 1, 2013, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code
45 Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction
46 with the nonpartisan general election held immediately preceding expiration of the term of
47 office and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia
48 Election Code."

49 **SECTION 5.**

50 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the chief magistrate judge of the
51 Magistrate Court of Bibb County in office on January 1, 2013. The sitting chief magistrate
52 judge of the magistrate court shall serve out the term of office for which he or she was
53 elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act.

54 ARTICLE IV

55 Judge of Probate Court of Bibb County.

56 SECTION 6.

57 All elections for the office of probate judge of Bibb County conducted after the effective date
 58 of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the
 59 O.C.G.A. and shall be conducted at the general primary election immediately preceding the
 60 expiration of the term of such respective office. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held and
 61 conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

62 SECTION 7.

63 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the probate judge of Bibb County in
 64 office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting probate judge shall serve out the term of
 65 office for which such probate judge was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or
 66 herself as provided in this Act.

67 ARTICLE V

68 Voting Rights Act.

69 SECTION 8.

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

75 ARTICLE VI

76 Repealer.

77 SECTION 9.

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