

House Bill 169

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th and Spencer of the 180th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Charlton County, who also
2 serves as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Charlton County, shall be nonpartisan
3 elections; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
4 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 probate judge of Charlton County, who also serves as chief
8 magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Charlton County, conducted after the effective date of
9 this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the
10 O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be conducted at the general nonpartisan election
11 immediately preceding the expiration of the term of such office and conducted as provided
12 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 Charlton County,
15 who also serves as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Charlton County, in office on
16 the effective date of this Act. The sitting judge shall serve out the term of office for which
17 he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as provided in this
18 Act.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 This Act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.