

House Bill 952 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Smith of the 129th, Post 2 and Mosley of the 129th, Post 1

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Bacon County shall be
2 nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights
3 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to
4 repeal 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 probate judge of Bacon County conducted after the effective
8 date of this Act 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 and conducted as provided in Chapter
10 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 probate judge of Bacon County in
13 office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting probate judge shall serve out the term of
14 office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as
15 provided in this Act.

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

1 **SECTION 4.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 5.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.