House Bill 411 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Lane of the 167th, and Hill of the 180th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Brunswick, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3911), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to nomination of candidates; to provide for submission for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act providing a new charter for the City of Brunswick, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3911), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2.14 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 2.14.

Each candidate for election to the commission shall qualify by submitting his or her notice of candidacy and paying the qualifying fee in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.' No political party shall conduct primaries for the purpose of nominating candidates nor shall nominating petitions be required."

**SECTION 2.**

The governing authority of the City of Brunswick shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act becomes effective.

**SECTION 3.**

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

**SECTION 4.**

An Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Brunswick, so as to change certain provisions relating to nomination of candidates, approved May 3, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4008), is repealed.

**SECTION 5.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.