House Bill 194 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Allison of the 8th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To provide that future elections for the office of judge of the probate court of Union County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

All elections for the office of judge of the probate court of Union County conducted after January 1, 2012, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. and shall be held and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

SECTION 2.

Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the judge of the probate court of Union County in office on January 1, 2012. The sitting judge of the probate court shall serve out the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act.

SECTION 3.

The governing authority of Union County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2012.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.