

Senate Bill 533

By: Senator Loudermilk of the 52nd

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To provide for nonpartisan judicial elections in Floyd County; to provide that the judge of
2 the Probate Court of Floyd County and the chief magistrate of Floyd County shall be elected
3 in nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting
4 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 All elections for the office of judge of the Probate Court of Floyd County and for the chief
9 magistrate of Floyd County shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section
10 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held at the nonpartisan general
11 elections immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of such judge of the
12 probate court and shall be conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A.,
13 the "Georgia Election Code."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the judge of the Probate Court of Floyd
16 County or the chief magistrate of Floyd County in office on the effective date of this Act.
17 The sitting judge of the probate court and the sitting chief magistrate shall serve out the term
18 of office for which they were elected and shall be eligible to succeed themselves as provided
19 in this Act.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 The governing authority of Floyd County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
22 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

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SECTION 4.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.