

House Bill 468

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 44th, and Dollar of the 45th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of clerk of the State Court of Cobb County
2 shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent
3 effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 All elections for the office of clerk of the State Court of Cobb County conducted after the
7 effective date of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section
8 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be conducted at the general
9 nonpartisan election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of such office and
10 conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

11 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

12 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the clerk of the State Court of Cobb
13 County in office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting clerk of the State Court shall
14 serve out the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed
15 himself or herself as provided in this Act.

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

17 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019, provided that on that date or by that date
18 Code Sections 21-2-132 and 21-2-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are revised
19 so as to authorize local acts authorizing nonpartisan elections for the offices of clerks of state
20 courts. Otherwise, this Act shall be repealed by operation of law on July 1, 2019.

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.