

House Bill 572 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Pirkle of the 155<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Ben Hill County shall be  
2 nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 All elections for the office of probate judge of Ben Hill County conducted after the effective  
7 date of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of  
8 the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be conducted at the general nonpartisan  
9 election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of such office and conducted as  
10 provided in Chapter 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 Ben Hill 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17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.