

House Bill 800 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 All elections for the office of probate judge of Lanier 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. and shall be conducted at the nonpartisan general election immediately  
9 preceding the expiration of each respective term of office. Such nonpartisan elections shall  
10 be held and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia  
11 Election Code."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the probate judge of Lanier County in  
14 office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting probate judge shall serve out the term of  
15 office for which such probate judge was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or  
16 herself as provided in this Act.

17 **SECTION 3.**

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

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.