

Senate Bill 27

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Jones of the 25th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Civil Court of Bibb County, approved March 3, 1955
2 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2552), as amended, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of the judge
3 of said court; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the
4 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

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

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Civil Court of Bibb County, approved March 3, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955,
9 p. 2552), as amended, is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

10 "SECTION 4.

11 Judge. Term, oath.

12 Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be a Judge of said Civil
13 Court of Bibb County whose term of office shall be four years, and who shall be elected
14 by the qualified voters of Bibb County quadrennially in nonpartisan elections as provided
15 for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. The Judge of said Civil Court of Bibb
16 County shall be commissioned by the Governor, and before entering upon the duties of
17 such office shall take the same oath required by law of the judges of the superior court.
18 Nothing in this section shall affect the term of office of the Judge of the Civil Court of Bibb
19 County in office on January 1, 2013. Such sitting judge of the Civil Court of Bibb County
20 shall serve out the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to
21 succeed himself or herself as provided in this Act."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 The governing authority of Bibb County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
24 submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as

25 amended, no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
26 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.