

House Bill 467

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of clerk of the Superior 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 Superior 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 Superior Court of Cobb  
13 County in office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting clerk of the Superior Court  
14 shall serve out the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to  
15 succeed 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  
20 superior 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 Otherwise, this Act shall be repealed by operation of law on July 1, 2019.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22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.