

Senate Bill 96

By: Senator Kemp of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-1-9.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 status as a senior judge, requests for assistance of a senior judge, and the compensation of
3 senior judges, so as to provide that one or more years of prior service as chairperson of the
4 State Board of Workers' Compensation shall be allowable as service required for
5 appointment as senior judge; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 15-1-9.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to status as a
10 senior judge, requests for assistance of a senior judge, and the compensation of senior judges,
11 is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (a.1) and inserting in lieu thereof the
12 following:

13 "(a.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, any Justice
14 of the Supreme Court of Georgia, Judge of the Court of Appeals, superior court judge, state
15 court judge, magistrate court judge, or juvenile court judge who ceases holding office as
16 a judge and who has a total of ten years of service in any combination of such offices or
17 a total of nine years of service in any combination of such offices plus at least one year of
18 service as chairperson of the State Board of Workers' Compensation may become a senior
19 judge. Said combination must include at least five years' service as a Justice of the
20 Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or judge of the superior court or at least five
21 years as total served in combination as Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court
22 of Appeals, or judge of the superior court."

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.