

House Bill 530

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Irvin of the 45th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act re-creating a system of state courts of limited jurisdiction for each city of
2 this state having a population of 300,000 or more according to the United States decennial
3 census of 1990 or any future such census, approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 627), as
4 amended, so as to change provisions relating to qualifications and salaries of solicitors; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act re-creating a system of state courts of limited jurisdiction for each city of this state
9 having a population of 300,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of
10 1990 or any future such census, approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 627), as amended,
11 is amended by striking subsection (e) of Section 11 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
12 the following:

13 "(e) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section any full-time solicitors and
14 assistant solicitors may not engage in the private practice of law. A part-time assistant
15 solicitor of such courts may engage in the private practice of law but may not practice or
16 appear in any matter as to which he or she has exercised jurisdiction."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (f) of Section 11 in its entirety and
19 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

20 "(f) The annual salary of the solicitor and the annual salary of each assistant solicitor shall
21 be fixed and determined by the governing authority of the city payable as provided by the
22 governing authority for other employees within the city; provided, however, the annual
23 salary of the solicitor of such courts shall not be less than the annual salary of the solicitor
24 of any state court within the territorial jurisdiction of said court."

SECTION 3.

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2 Said Act is further amended by adding a new subsection (h) at the end of Section 11 to read
3 as follows:

4 "(h) The solicitor of each court may provide legal assistance to ethics committees of the
5 Georgia General Assembly upon request if the provision of legal services does not conflict
6 with the solicitor's duties as solicitor of the courts. The solicitor may receive additional
7 compensation from the General Assembly for providing services to the General Assembly."

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SECTION 4.

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