

House Bill 805

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Campbell of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for an additional judge of the superior court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; to
2 provide for the initial appointment and subsequent election of such judge and of successors
3 to such judge; to provide for terms; to prescribe the powers of said judge; to prescribe the
4 compensation and allowances of said judge; to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official
5 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of superior court judges for each of the
6 judicial circuits, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior court of the Atlanta
7 Judicial Circuit; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of
11 superior court judges for each of the judicial circuits, is amended by striking paragraph (3)
12 of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (3) to read
13 as follows:
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15 "(3) Atlanta Circuit ~~18~~ 19"

SECTION 2.

16 A new judge of the superior court is added to the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, thereby increasing
17 to 19 the number of judges of said circuit.
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SECTION 3.

19 The initial judge appointed pursuant to this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for a term
20 beginning January 1, 2002, and expiring December 31, 2002, and until a successor is elected
21 and qualified. A successor to the initial judge shall be elected in a manner provided by law
22 for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state at the general election in
23 November, 2002, for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2003, and until the
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1 election and qualification of a successor. Future successors shall be elected at the general
2 election each four years thereafter for terms of four years and until the election and
3 qualification of a successor. They shall take office on the first day of January following the
4 date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner provided by law
5 for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state.

6 **SECTION 4.**

7 Said additional judge shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction,
8 privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any of
9 the judges of the superior court of said circuit may preside over any case therein and perform
10 any official act as judge thereof. The new judge is authorized to employ court personnel on
11 the same basis as other judges of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit.

12 **SECTION 5.**

13 The compensation, salary, and contingent expense allowance of said additional judge shall
14 be the same as that of the other judges of the superior court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit.
15 Any salary supplements heretofore enacted by the county of said circuit shall also be
16 applicable to the additional judge provided for in this Act.

17 **SECTION 6.**

18 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2002.

19 **SECTION 7.**

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