

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to SB 222:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819  
2 (Ga. L. 1819, p. 16), as amended, so as to provide for an additional judge of the State Court  
3 of Chatham County; to provide for the appointment and election, powers, duties, jurisdiction,  
4 privileges, immunities, and compensation of said additional judge; to authorize the governing  
5 authority of Chatham County to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and  
6 personnel for said judge; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an  
7 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the State Court of Chatham County, approved December 18, 1819 (Ga. L.  
11 1819, p. 16), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2A and inserting in its place a new  
12 Section 2A to read as follows:

13 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 2A.

14 There shall be an additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County. Such additional  
15 judge shall be elected in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the state  
16 courts of this state at the general election in November, 2002, for a term of four years and  
17 until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified; provided, however, that the  
18 initial additional judge of the State Court of Chatham County shall be appointed by the  
19 Governor for a term commencing on January 1, 2002, and expiring December 31, 2002,  
20 and upon the election and qualification of a successor. The two judges of the State Court  
21 of Chatham County in office on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve the  
22 remainder of the terms of office to which they were elected and until their successors are  
23 elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected at the general election conducted  
24 immediately prior to the expiration of the term of office, and they shall take office on the  
25 first day of January following their election and shall serve for a term of office of four

1 years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Said additional judge shall  
2 have and may exercise all powers, duties, jurisdictions, privileges, and immunities of the  
3 present judges of the State Court of Chatham County. Any of the judges of said court may  
4 preside over any cause and perform any official act as judge thereof. The compensation  
5 of the additional judge shall be the same as that provided for other judges of the State Court  
6 of Chatham County. Upon request of the additional judge, the governing authority of  
7 Chatham County is authorized to furnish the additional judge with suitable courtroom  
8 space and facilities, office space, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may  
9 be considered necessary by the court to the proper function of the court. All of the  
10 expenditures authorized herein are declared to be an expense of court and payable out of  
11 the county treasury as such."

12 **SECTION 2.**

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

14 **SECTION 3.**

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