

House Bill 600

By: Representative Houston of the 139<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act relating to the Magistrate Court of Berrien County, approved March 18,  
2 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3721), as amended by an Act approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988,  
3 p. 4718), so as to provide for the position of magistrate; to provide for the selection and  
4 service of the magistrate; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to  
5 provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act relating to the Magistrate Court of Berrien County, approved March 18, 1985 (Ga.  
9 L. 1985, p. 3721), as amended by an Act approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4718),  
10 is amended by adding between Sections 3 and 4 a new Section 3A to read as follows:

11 **"SECTION 3A.**

12 (a) In addition to the position of chief magistrate, there shall be another magistrate of the  
13 Magistrate Court of Berrien County who shall be known as magistrate of the court. This  
14 position is not created by this Act, but this Act rather provides for the continuation of a  
15 position previously created pursuant to general law.

16 (b) The magistrate shall be appointed by the chief magistrate with the consent of the  
17 judges of superior court.

18 (c) Any person taking office as magistrate on or after the effective date of this section,  
19 either as the result of an expiration of a prior term of office or as the result of a vacancy,  
20 shall not serve for a fixed term of office but shall rather serve at the pleasure of the chief  
21 magistrate."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
3 without such approval. This Act shall apply with respect to any person taking office as  
4 magistrate on or after said effective date.

5 **SECTION 3.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.