

House Bill 445 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Holmes of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Campbell of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Willard of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Post 1, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the appointment of magistrates in Fulton County, approved  
2 March 18, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4373), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April  
3 19, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3783), so as to change the number of magistrates in Fulton County;  
4 to provide the procedure in connection with the appointment of new magistrates and provide  
5 for terms of office; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the appointment of magistrates in Fulton County, approved March 18,  
10 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4373), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 1999  
11 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3783), is amended by striking Section 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
12 thereof a new Section 1 to read as follows:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 The number of magistrates authorized for the Magistrate Court of Fulton County shall be 14  
15 magistrates."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 2 in its entirety and  
18 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

19 "(a) On the effective date of this Act, the eight persons holding office as magistrates of  
20 Fulton County shall continue to hold office until December 31, 2004. The six additional  
21 magistrates authorized by this Act shall be selected by majority vote of the judges of the  
22 State Court of Fulton County for initial terms of office beginning on July 1, 2003, and  
23 ending on December 31, 2004. Successors to all magistrates shall be selected by a majority  
24 of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County for terms as provided by general law."

1 **SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.