

House Bill 1745

By: Representatives Porter of the 119<sup>th</sup> and Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Magistrate Court of Laurens County, approved March 21,  
2 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4638), as amended, so as to provide that the chief magistrate of such  
3 court shall serve in a full-time capacity and provide for the compensation of such chief  
4 magistrate and for court staffing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for the Magistrate Court of Laurens County, approved March 21, 1984  
8 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4638), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 3  
9 thereof and inserting in its place the following:

10 "(b) The chief magistrate shall serve in a full-time capacity, as defined in Code Section  
11 15-10-23 of the O.C.G.A., beginning with the term of such office which begins January 1,  
12 2005, and continuing for each succeeding term. The chief magistrate who serves in a  
13 full-time capacity shall be compensated as provided in Code Section 15-10-23. In addition,  
14 beginning January 1, 2005, any chief magistrate shall also receive an annual supplement  
15 of \$9,200.00 from funds of Laurens County payable in equal monthly installments. The  
16 county supplement provided by this subsection shall not be added to the minimum annual  
17 salary provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-23 for purposes of determining  
18 any cost-of-living increase or general performance based increase under subsection (c) of  
19 Code Section 15-10-23 and longevity increase under subsection (b) of Code Section  
20 15-10-23. The governing authority of Laurens County shall furnish appropriate staff to  
21 support the function of the Magistrate Court of Laurens County."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.