

House Bill 1685 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Brown of the 89th and Smith of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Troup County, approved March 6,1962 (Ga. L.
2 1962, p. 3020), as amended, so as to provide for a full-time solicitor-general; to provide for
3 the compensation of said solicitor-general; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the State Court of Troup County, approved March 6,1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p.
8 3020), as amended, is amended by striking Section 6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu
9 thereof a new Section 6 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 6.

11 (a) No person shall be elected solicitor-general of the State Court of Troup County,
12 formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of Troup County, unless at the time of his
13 or her election he or she shall have arrived at the age of 25 years, shall have been a resident
14 of Troup County for one year immediately preceding his or her election, and shall have
15 been a practicing attorney for at least three years. Said solicitor-general shall, before
16 entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office of solicitor-general, take and
17 subscribe the following oath:

18 'I swear that I will well, faithfully, and impartially and without fear, favor, or affection
19 discharge my duties as solicitor-general of Troup County.'

20 Said oath shall be forwarded to the Governor and filed in the executive department.

21 (b) Said solicitor-general shall also give a bond and with good security for the faithful
22 performance of his or her duties as solicitor-general of said court in the sum of \$1,000.00.
23 Said bond shall be payable to the Governor; shall be approved by the judge of said State
24 Court of Troup County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of Troup County;
25 and shall together with said oath be entered on the minutes of said court. If for any reason

1 the said solicitor-general should be disqualified or fails to act in any case, a
2 solicitor-general pro tempore shall be appointed as provided by Code Section 15-18-65 of
3 the O.C.G.A.

4 (c) The solicitor-general of the State Court of Troup County shall be a full-time
5 solicitor-general pursuant to Code Section 15-18-63 of the O.C.G.A. and shall devote his
6 or her full time to the duties of the office. Such solicitor-general shall be compensated in
7 an amount equal to 70 percent of the compensation of a judge of the State Court of Troup
8 County. Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of
9 Troup County. The solicitor-general and county paid personnel employed by the
10 solicitor-general shall be entitled to be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the
11 performance of their official duties in the same manner and rate as other county
12 employees."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
15 without such approval, except the provisions of subsection (c) of Section 1 of this Act
16 relative to compensation shall become effective on January 1, 2005.

17 **SECTION 3.**

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