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House Bill 828

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To make provisions for the Magistrate Court of Columbia County; to provide for
- 2 qualifications for the office of chief magistrate and magistrate; to provide for exceptions; to
- 3 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
- 5 SECTION 1.
- 6 There is created the Magistrate Court of Columbia County.
- 7 SECTION 2.
- 8 To qualify for the office of chief magistrate or magistrate of the Magistrate Court of
- 9 Columbia County, a person shall meet the qualifications as provided by Chapter 10 of Title
- 10 15 of the O.C.G.A. and shall have been a member in good standing of the State Bar of
- 11 Georgia for at least one year. Any magistrate holding office on July 1, 2005, shall continue
- in office until the expiration of the term of his or her term of office.
- SECTION 3.
- 14 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.
- SECTION 4.
- 16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.