

House Bill 1399

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 magistrate courts, so as to provide that a magistrate's salary may be waived under certain
3 circumstances; to provide that monthly contingent expenses may be waived under certain
4 circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate
8 courts, is amended by striking paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-23,
9 relating to minimum compensation for magistrates, and inserting in lieu thereof the
10 following:
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12 "(5) All magistrates other than chief magistrates who serve in less than a full-time
13 capacity or on call shall receive a minimum monthly salary of the lesser of \$19.69 per
14 hour for each hour worked as certified by the chief magistrate to the county governing
15 authority or 90 percent of the monthly salary that a full-time chief magistrate would
16 receive according to paragraph (2) of this subsection; provided, however, that
17 notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, no magistrate who serves in less
18 than a full-time capacity shall receive a minimum monthly salary of less than \$525.08
19 unless a magistrate waives such minimum monthly salary in writing."

SECTION 2.

20 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 15-10-23.1, relating to monthly
21 contingent expense allowance for the operation of the office of magistrate court, and
22 inserting in lieu thereof the following:
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"15-10-23.1.

In addition to any salary, fees, or expenses now or hereafter provided by law, unless a magistrate waives such expenses in writing, the governing authority of each county is authorized to provide as contingent expenses for the operation of the office of magistrate court, and payable from county funds, a monthly expense allowance to each magistrate of not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Expenses</u>
0 — 11,889	\$ 100.00
11,890 — 74,999	200.00
75,000 — 249,999	300.00
250,000 — 499,999	400.00
500,000 or more	500.00"

SECTION 3.

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