

House Bill 1583

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the employment of marshals in Coffee County; to provide for the
2 appointment, duties, and term of such marshals; to provide for related matters; to repeal
3 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Pursuant to subsection (c.1) of Code Section 15-10-100 of the O.C.G.A., the governing
7 authority of Coffee County is authorized to employ marshals to perform the duties of
8 constables. Such marshals shall be employed at such time as a majority of the judges of the
9 Superior Court of Coffee County certifies that there exists a need for such marshals. The
10 number of marshals to be appointed shall be specified by such judges in such certification.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 After certifying the need for marshals under Section 1 of this Act, the judges of the Superior
13 Court of Coffee County by majority vote shall appoint such marshals who shall serve at the
14 pleasure of such judges. The compensation of such marshals shall be set by the governing
15 authority of Coffee County.

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 Marshals appointed in accordance with this Act shall have the same authority, powers, and
18 duties as constables as described under Article 6 of Chapter 10 of the O.C.G.A. and shall be
19 authorized to exercise the same powers otherwise exercisable by sheriffs of this state.

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 When the need for such marshals no longer exists, the judges of the Superior Court of Coffee
22 County shall certify that such need no longer exists and the positions of such marshals shall
23 terminate as of the date of such certification.

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SECTION 5.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.