

House Bill 1399 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate
9 courts, is amended by striking paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-23,
10 relating to minimum compensation for magistrates, and inserting in lieu thereof the
11 following:

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."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

