

House Bill 206 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Clinch County shall also serve as the chief
2 magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Clinch County on and after January 1, 2009; to provide
3 for the compensation of such judge for service as chief magistrate; to provide for the
4 continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) Pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 15-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia
9 Annotated, the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Clinch County shall not be
10 separately elected for any term of office that begins on or after January 1, 2009, but on and
11 after that date the probate judge of Clinch County shall serve as the chief magistrate of the
12 Magistrate Court of Clinch County. There shall be no election in 2008 or thereafter for the
13 office of chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Clinch County. The term of office of
14 the judge serving as chief magistrate shall be concurrent with such judge's term of office as
15 the judge of the probate court.

16 (b) Effective January 1, 2009, in addition to any compensation received for service as judge
17 of the Probate Court of Clinch County, the judge of the probate court who serves as chief
18 magistrate shall receive a supplement for service as chief magistrate in an amount to be fixed
19 by the governing authority of Clinch County. Such supplement shall not be less than the
20 minimum amount provided by any general law of the state for additional service by a judge
21 of the probate court as chief magistrate.

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 The chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Clinch County who is serving as such on
24 January 1, 2007, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in such office shall continue to
25 serve as such chief magistrate for a term of office which shall expire on December 31, 2008,

1 and, during such time period, shall continue to receive the same salary such person was
2 receiving for performing such duties as fixed by the governing authority of Clinch County.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.