

House Bill 782

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Graves of the 12th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that investigators appointed to assist the district attorney of the Appalachian
2 Judicial Circuit may be authorized by the district attorney to make arrests; to provide a
3 procedure for such written authorization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 (a) Subject to meeting the qualifications required by Code Section 15-18-14.1 of the Official
8 Code of Georgia Annotated, any investigator appointed by the district attorney of the
9 Appalachian Judicial Circuit may be authorized to make arrests, to execute and return all
10 criminal warrants and processes, and to serve as a peace officer.

11 (b) The authorization of any action listed in subsection (a) of this section by any such
12 investigator shall be in writing and signed by the district attorney, and filed with each
13 superior court clerk in the circuit.

14 (c) Any investigator appointed by the district attorney of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit
15 shall be subject to the requirements of Chapter 8 of Title 35, the "Georgia Peace Officer
16 Standards and Training Act," and Code Section 15-18-21.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.