

House Bill 1099

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998  
2 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3954), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2006 (Ga.  
3 L. 2006, p. 3611), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Henry County;  
4 to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge; to provide for the election of  
5 successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such  
6 judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for  
7 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating a State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p.  
12 3954), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3611),  
13 is amended by revising Section 11 as follows:

14 "SECTION 11.

15 (a) Until July 1, 2008, there shall be three judges of the State Court of Henry County. The  
16 judges of the state court in office on January 1, 2008, shall continue to serve the term of  
17 office to which such judge was elected and until the election and qualification of his or her  
18 successor.

19 (b) Effective July 1, 2008, there shall be four judges of the State Court of Henry County.  
20 The fourth judge added effective July 1, 2008, shall be appointed by the Governor for an  
21 initial term of office ending on December 31, 2010, and until his or her successor is elected  
22 and qualified. The successor to said judge shall be elected by the qualified voters of Henry  
23 County at a nonpartisan election to be held and conducted jointly with the general election  
24 in 2010 and quadrennially thereafter pursuant to Code Section 21-2-138 of the O.C.G.A.

1 The judge thus elected shall serve a four-year term until such officer's successor is elected  
2 and qualified.

3 (c) The judges of said court shall have such qualifications and shall be subject to such  
4 restrictions and discipline as provided in Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. Said judges  
5 shall be vested with the power and authority of the judges of the state courts by Chapter 7  
6 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A.

7 (d) The judges shall devote their full time to the duties of said office and shall be paid a  
8 salary equal to 90 percent of the salary now or hereafter paid to the judges of the Superior  
9 Court of Henry County. Said salary shall be payable out of the funds of Henry County at  
10 the same intervals as installments are paid to other county employees.

11 (e) The judge of the State Court of Henry County who has served the longest period of  
12 time in office as judge of said court shall be the chief judge of the State Court of Henry  
13 County and such chief judge shall receive a salary supplement of \$5,000.00 per annum to  
14 compensate him or her for the administrative duties imposed upon the chief judge."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
17 without such approval.

18 **SECTION 3.**

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