

Senate Bill 485

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 superior courts, so as to decrease the number of superior court judges in certain circuits; to
3 provide for the termination of certain judgeships; to provide for related matters; to provide
4 for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to superior courts,
8 is amended by revising Code Section Code Section 15-6-2, relating to number of judges, as
9 follows:

10 "15-6-2.

11 The number of judges for each of the superior courts for each of the judicial circuits shall
12 be as follows:

13	(1) Alapaha Circuit	2
14	(2) Alcovy Circuit	5
15	(2.1) Appalachian Circuit	3
		<u>2</u>
16	(3) Atlanta Circuit	20
		<u>16</u>
17	(4) Atlantic Circuit	4
		<u>3</u>
18	(5) Augusta Circuit	8
		<u>7</u>
19	(5.1) Bell-Forsyth Circuit	2
20	(6) Blue Ridge Circuit	3
21	(7) Brunswick Circuit	5

22	(8) Chattahoochee Circuit	6
		<u>5</u>
23	(9) Cherokee Circuit	4
24	(10) Clayton Circuit	4
25	(11) Cobb Circuit	10
		<u>9</u>
26	(12) Conasauga Circuit	4
27	(13) Cordele Circuit	3
		<u>2</u>
28	(14) Coweta Circuit	6
29	(15) Dougherty Circuit	3
		<u>2</u>
30	(15.1) Douglas Circuit	3
31	(16) Dublin Circuit	3
		<u>2</u>
32	(17) Eastern Circuit	6
		<u>5</u>
33	(17.1) Enotah Circuit	3
		<u>2</u>
34	(18) Flint Circuit	3
35	(19) Griffin Circuit	4
36	(20) Gwinnett Circuit	10
		<u>9</u>
37	(21) Houston Circuit	3
38	(22) Lookout Mountain Circuit	4
39	(23) Macon Circuit	5
40	(24) Middle Circuit	2
41	(25) Mountain Circuit	2
42	(26) Northeastern Circuit	4
43	(27) Northern Circuit	3
44	(28) Ocmulgee Circuit	5
45	(29) Oconee Circuit	2
46	(30) Ogeechee Circuit	3
		<u>2</u>
47	(31) Pataula Circuit	2

48 (31.1) Paulding Circuit 3

49 (32) Piedmont Circuit 3

50 (32.1) Rockdale Circuit 2

51 (33) Rome Circuit 4

52 (34) South Georgia Circuit 2

53 (35) Southern Circuit 5

54 (36) Southwestern Circuit 3

55 (37) Stone Mountain Circuit ~~10~~
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56 (38) Tallapoosa Circuit 2

57 (39) Tifton Circuit 2

58 (40) Toombs Circuit 2

59 (40.1) Towaliga Circuit 2

60 (41) Waycross Circuit 3

61 (42) Western Circuit 3"

SECTION 2.

- 63 (a) For purposes of conducting elections in 2010, this Act shall become effective upon its
- 64 approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.
- 65 (b) For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

SECTION 3.

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