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Senate Bill 277

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To provide that the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Troup County shall be a
- 2 full-time position; to provide for the compensation and qualifications for such chief
- 3 magistrate; to repeal a certain local Act; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
- 4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 The chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Troup County shall be a full-time position,
- 8 and such chief magistrate shall devote his or her full time to the duties of such office.

9 SECTION 2.

- 10 The chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Troup County shall receive an annual salary
- in the amount of \$95,000.00 to be paid in equal monthly or bimonthly installments from the
- 12 funds of the county. The chief magistrate shall be entitled to be reimbursed for actual
- 13 expenses incurred in the performance of his or her official duties in the same manner and rate
- 14 as other county employees.

15 SECTION 3.

- 16 In addition to all other qualifications established by general law or applicable local
- 17 legislation, no person shall be elected chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Troup
- 18 County unless, at the time of his or her election, he or she is an attorney and member in good
- 19 standing of the State Bar of Georgia.
- SECTION 4.
- 21 An Act to provide for the compensation of the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of
- 22 Troup County, approved March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3817), is hereby repealed.

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23 **SECTION 5.**

24 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009.

25 SECTION 6.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.