

Senate Bill 542

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th and Hooks of the 14th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend an Act creating the Griffin Judicial Circuit, approved August 17, 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 68), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4459), and an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4066), so as to not decrease the county supplements for the superior court judges of that circuit; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating the Griffin Judicial Circuit, approved August 17, 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 68), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4459), and an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4066), is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 6A as follows:

"(a) As used in this section, the term:

(1) 'Judge' means a superior court judge.

(2) 'Senior judge' means a judge that becomes a senior judge pursuant to O.C.G.A. Code Section 15-1-9.2.

(b)(1) The governing authorities of the counties composing the Griffin Judicial Circuit are authorized to provide from county funds supplements to the compensation of each judge of the circuit. The supplements in effect immediately prior to July 1, 2010, shall remain in effect until changed by the governing authorities of the counties comprising the circuit. The governing authorities of the counties comprising the circuit may on and after July 1, 2010, from time to time fix and determine the amounts of such supplements by concurrent resolutions of the governing authorities fixing and determining the same amounts in each such concurrent resolution. However, such concurrent resolutions shall not decrease such supplements below the amounts in effect in the prior year, and no incumbent judge's supplement shall be decreased during the incumbent's term of office.

27 (2) A senior judge shall be paid a supplement of not less than two-thirds of the amount  
28 of the supplement received by such judge at the time of his or her resignation as a  
29 superior court judge. Such supplement shall be paid to the senior judge in monthly  
30 installments as provided in subsection (c) of this section."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, or upon its approval by the Governor or  
33 upon its becoming law without such approval, whichever date is later.

34 **SECTION 3.**

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