

House Bill 437 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Magistrate Court of Warren County, approved March 19,  
2 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4362), so as to provide that the judge of the probate court of Warren  
3 County shall serve as the chief magistrate of Warren County; to provide for compensation;  
4 to provide for the appointment and compensation of a clerk of the magistrate court; to  
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing for the Magistrate Court of Warren County, approved March 19, 1984  
9 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4362), is amended by revising Sections 1, 2, and 3 as follows:

10 "SECTION 1.

11 The chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Warren County in office on the effective  
12 date of this Act shall continue to serve as chief magistrate until the earlier of the following:

- 13 (1) The expiration of the term of office to which such chief magistrate was appointed;  
14 or  
15 (2) The time that such chief magistrate otherwise leaves office.

16 Thereafter, the judge of the probate court of Warren County shall serve as the chief  
17 magistrate of Warren County.

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 In the absence of state law providing the salary to be paid to the judge of the probate court  
20 of Warren County for serving as chief magistrate, the compensation of the judge of the  
21 probate court for serving as chief magistrate shall be fixed by the governing authority of  
22 Warren County and shall be paid in equal monthly installments from funds of Warren  
23 County.

## 24 SECTION 3.

25 The governing authority of Warren County may provide for the appointment of a clerk of  
26 the Magistrate Court of Warren County by the chief magistrate. If the governing authority  
27 does not provide for the appointment of a clerk of the magistrate court, then the chief  
28 magistrate shall also serve as clerk of the magistrate court. The compensation of the clerk  
29 of the magistrate court, or of the chief magistrate serving as clerk, shall be fixed by the  
30 governing authority of Warren County and shall be paid in equal monthly installments from  
31 funds of Warren County."

## 32 SECTION 2.

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.