

House Bill 272

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, so as to delete provisions relative to a  
3 rehearing on the order of an associate juvenile court judge; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to juvenile court administration, is amended by revising Code Section 15-11-21,  
9 relating to associate juvenile court judges, appointment and compensation, qualifications,  
10 conduct of hearings, and rehearing, as follows:

11 "15-11-21.

12 (a) The judge may appoint one or more persons to serve as an associate juvenile court  
13 judge in juvenile matters on a full-time or part-time basis. The associate juvenile court  
14 judge shall serve at the pleasure of the judge, and his or her salary shall be fixed by the  
15 judge with the approval of the governing authority or governing authorities of the county  
16 or counties for which the associate juvenile court judge is appointed. The salary of each  
17 associate juvenile court judge shall be paid from county funds.

18 (b) Each associate juvenile court judge shall have the same qualifications as required for  
19 a judge of the juvenile court as provided in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-11-18;  
20 provided, however, that any person serving as an associate juvenile court judge on July 1,  
21 2007, shall be qualified for appointment thereafter to serve as an associate juvenile court  
22 judge.

23 (c) In any case or class of cases involving alleged delinquent, unruly, or deprived children,  
24 the judge shall determine whether such case shall be conducted by the judge or by the  
25 associate juvenile court judge in the manner provided by this article.

26 (d) Upon the conclusion of a hearing before an associate juvenile court judge, the associate  
27 juvenile court judge shall sign and file an order of the court which sets forth the decision  
28 made by the associate juvenile court judge. A copy of the order shall be given to the  
29 parties to the proceedings.

30 ~~(e) A rehearing may be ordered by the judge at any time and, except for detention hearings~~  
31 ~~or probable cause hearings, shall be ordered if a party files a written request therefor within~~  
32 ~~five days after receiving a copy of the order of the associate juvenile court judge."~~

33 **SECTION 2.**

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