

House Bill 482 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Ramsey of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>, and Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the Magistrate Court of Fayette County, approved April 1,  
2 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4707), as amended by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987,  
3 4406), so as to modify the qualifications and the salary of the magistrate court judges of  
4 Fayette County; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide for the Magistrate Court of Fayette County, approved April 1, 1983 (Ga.  
9 L. 1983, p. 4707), as amended by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, 4406), is  
10 amended by adding a new subsection to Section 4 to read as follows:

11 "(e) No person shall be judge of the magistrate court unless, at the time of his or her  
12 election, he or she has attained the age of 25 years, has been a citizen of the state for three  
13 years, has practiced law for seven years, and has been duly reinstated to the practice of law  
14 in the event of his or her disbarment therefrom, or has served as a judge of the Magistrate  
15 Court of Fayette County in good standing for seven or more years."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 4 to read as follows:

18 "(a) The chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Fayette County shall receive as  
19 compensation an amount equal to 17 percent of the base salary of a judge in the superior  
20 courts for the State of Georgia plus any supplement which may be provided by the County.  
21 Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Fayette  
22 County.

23 (b) All other judges of the Magistrate Court of Fayette County shall receive as  
24 compensation an amount equal to 14 percent of the base salary of a judge in the superior  
25 courts for the State of Georgia plus any supplement which may be provided by the County.

26 Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Fayette  
27 County."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011.

30 **SECTION 4.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.