

Senate Bill 436

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the election of the initial chief magistrate of the Magistrate
2 Court of Webster County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4451), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3834), so as to provide the
4 terms of office of magistrates other than the chief magistrate; to provide for the nomination
5 and appointment of magistrates other than the chief magistrate; to provide for the renewal
6 of terms for magistrates other than the chief magistrate; to provide for a limit on the number
7 of other magistrates to be appointed other than the chief magistrate; to provide for related
8 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 An Act to provide for the election of the initial chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of
12 Webster County, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4451), as amended, particularly
13 by an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3834), is amended by revising subsection
14 (a) of Section 4 as follows:

15 "(a) Upon the conclusion of the term of any other magistrate in office as of the effective
16 date of this Act, any other magistrate shall thereafter be nominated by the chief magistrate
17 at the commencement of the term of office of the chief magistrate and be approved by the
18 governing authority of Webster County for an annual term which shall expire at the end of
19 each calendar year during the term of the chief magistrate. An appointment of any other
20 magistrate shall be automatically renewed for a subsequent annual term which occurs
21 during the term of office of the chief magistrate absent written notice from the chief
22 magistrate of an intent not to renew the appointment of such other magistrate at least 30
23 days prior to the conclusion of the annual term of office of such other magistrate. The
24 governing authority of Webster County shall not appoint more than one other magistrate
25 to assist the chief magistrate."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.