

Senate Bill 436

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

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

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.