

House Bill 1217

By: Representative Rogers of the 10<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating and establishing the State Court of Habersham County (formerly  
2 the City Court of Habersham County), approved February 13, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 651),  
3 as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 2, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3994), so as to  
4 provide that beginning January 1, 2015, the judge and solicitor of said court shall be full-time  
5 positions; to establish the compensation of the judge and solicitor of said court; to provide  
6 that beginning January 1, 2015, neither the judge nor the solicitor of said court shall practice  
7 law; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating and establishing the State Court of Habersham County (formerly the City  
11 Court of Habersham County), approved February 13, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 651), as  
12 amended, particularly by an Act approved June 2, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3994), is amended  
13 by revising Section 10 as follows:

14 **"SECTION 10.**

15 There shall be a judge of the state court, who shall be elected at the time of the nonpartisan  
16 general election in the year immediately preceding the end of his or her term of office. The  
17 judge serving on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve until the end of his  
18 or her term and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. On and after  
19 January 1, 2015, the position of judge of the state court shall be a full-time position, and  
20 the judge shall not be permitted to engage in the practice of law. The judge shall be  
21 compensated according to the following schedule:

- 22 (1) For calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014 a salary equal to 80 percent of a superior  
23 court judge, including the supplement paid such judge by Habersham County; and  
24 (2) On and after January 1, 2015, a salary equal to 90 percent of a superior court judge,  
25 including the supplement paid such judge by Habersham County."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 14 as follows:

28 **"SECTION 14.**

29 There shall be a solicitor of the state court, who shall be elected at the time of the  
30 nonpartisan general election in the year immediately preceding the end of his or her term  
31 of office. The solicitor serving on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve until  
32 the end of his or her term and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. On  
33 and after January 1, 2015, the position of solicitor of the state court shall be a full-time  
34 position, and the solicitor shall not be permitted to engage in the practice of law. The  
35 solicitor shall be compensated according to the following schedule:

36 (1) For calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014 a salary equal to 80 percent of the district  
37 attorney, including the supplement paid such district attorney by Habersham County; and

38 (2) On and after January 1, 2015, salary equal to 90 percent of the district attorney,  
39 including the supplement paid such district attorney by Habersham County."

40 **SECTION 3.**

41 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which  
42 it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

43 **SECTION 4.**

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