

House Bill 1217 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Rogers of the 10th

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.