

Senators Staton of the 18th, Jones of the 25th and Lucas, Sr., of the 26th offered the following substitute to HB 273:

ADOPTED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, formerly the City Court of
 2 Macon, approved August 14, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 470), as amended, so as to provide
 3 an additional judge for said court; to provide for the initial appointment of such additional
 4 judge by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of office for the judges of said
 5 court; to provide for a chief judge of said court; to provide for the compensation of the judges
 6 of said court; to provide for the selection, terms of office, and compensation of the
 7 solicitor-general of said court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
 8 for other purposes.

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

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, formerly the City Court of Macon,
 12 approved August 14, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 470), as amended, is amended by revising
 13 Sections IV, V, and VI as follows:

14 **"SECTION IV.**

15 (a) There shall be two full-time judges of the State Court of Bibb County who shall be
 16 selected as provided in this section.

17 (b) The judge of the State Court of Bibb County in office on January 1, 2013, shall
 18 continue to serve the term of office to which said judge was elected until the election and
 19 qualification of a successor as provided by law.

20 (c) The additional judge appointed as provided by this Act shall be appointed by the
 21 Governor for a term beginning July 1, 2013, and expiring December 31, 2014, and until a
 22 successor is elected and qualified. A successor to the additional judge shall be elected in
 23 a manner provided by Code Section 21-2-138, of the O.C.G.A. for the election of judges
 24 of the state courts of this state in 2014 for a term of four years beginning on January 1,
 25 2015, and until the election and qualification of a successor. Future successors shall be

26 elected each four years thereafter as provided by Code Section 21-2-138 of the O.C.G.A.
 27 for terms of four years and until the election and qualification of a successor. They shall
 28 take office on the first day of January following the date of the election. Such elections
 29 shall be held and conducted in a manner provided by law for the election of judges of the
 30 state courts of this state.

31 (d) The judge of the State Court of Bibb County having the longest time in service as a
 32 judge of said court shall be the chief judge of the State Court of Bibb County. The chief
 33 judge shall have responsibility for the administration of the operations of the State Court
 34 of Bibb County, including, but not limited to, appointment of the clerk, budgeting,
 35 scheduling, and the policies, rules, and standing orders of the State Court of Bibb County.

36 (e) The judges of the State Court of Bibb County shall receive as salary compensation an
 37 amount equal to 90 percent of the base salary paid to a judge in the superior courts by the
 38 state and, in addition, an amount equal to 90 percent of any county supplement paid to
 39 judges of the Superior Court of Bibb County. The chief judge of the State Court of Bibb
 40 County shall also be paid additional salary compensation in the amount of \$2,500.00. All
 41 of such compensation shall be paid from the funds of Bibb County and in like intervals and
 42 installments as salaries are paid to employees of Bibb County. In addition to the salary
 43 compensation provided for in this section, the governing authority of Bibb County shall
 44 pay on behalf of each judge of the State Court of Bibb County a sum equal to the
 45 contribution required for judges by the Georgia Judicial Retirement System created by
 46 Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A.

47 SECTION V.

48 The judges of the State Court of Bibb County shall have such qualifications, powers, and
 49 authority, and shall be subject to such restrictions and discipline, as provided by Chapter 7
 50 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. for state court judges in the State of Georgia.

51 SECTION VI.

52 The solicitor-general of the State Court of Bibb County shall have such qualifications,
 53 powers, and authority, and shall be selected, as provided for by law for solicitors-general in
 54 the State of Georgia. The solicitor-general of said court shall receive as compensation an
 55 amount equal to 76 percent of the salary of the judges of the Superior Court of Bibb County
 56 paid by the state, and, in addition, an amount equal to 76 percent of the amount of any county
 57 supplement paid to the judges of the Superior Court of Bibb County. All of such
 58 compensation shall be paid from the funds of Bibb County and in like intervals and
 59 installments as salaries are paid to employees of Bibb County."

