

Senate Bill 256

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act making provisions for the Magistrate Court of Chatham County and
2 abolishing the Municipal Court of Savannah, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p.
3 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3751),
4 so as to provide that the chief magistrate of Chatham County shall appoint any pro tempore
5 magistrates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act making provisions for the Magistrate Court of Chatham County and abolishing the
9 Municipal Court of Savannah, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4422), as amended,
10 particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3751), is amended by
11 revising subsection (c) of Section 3 as follows:

12 "(c) On and after the effective date of this Act, no additional full-time magistrates shall be
13 appointed. The full-time magistrates appointed prior to the effective date of this Act shall
14 serve the remainder of their terms and until their successors have been duly elected and
15 qualified. Successors to the full-time magistrates serving on the effective date of this Act
16 shall be elected at the same time, in the same manner, and for the same term as the chief
17 magistrate and shall meet the qualifications of a magistrate as provided in Chapter 10 of
18 Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. The chief magistrate shall appoint any part-time and pro tempore
19 magistrates."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.