

House Bill 506 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend a general Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code
2 of Georgia Annotated, relating to the superior courts," approved March 27, 2000 (Ga. L.
3 2000, p. 205), so as to provide for the selection of the chief judge of the Chattahoochee
4 Judicial Circuit; to provide for terms of office; to provide for filling vacancies in such office;
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia
9 Annotated, relating to the superior courts," approved March 27, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 205),
10 is amended by revising Section 17 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 17.

12 The chief judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit shall be elected from among the judges
13 by a majority vote of the total number of active judges in the circuit voting by secret ballot.
14 Elections shall be held during the second week of August preceding the expiration of a term.
15 A quorum for conducting such election shall be five active judges. In the event no person
16 obtains a majority vote after three ballots, the chief judge shall be the eligible judge having
17 the most seniority. The term for a chief judge shall be two years beginning on January 1, and
18 a person may be elected to successive terms. If a presiding chief judge resigns the position
19 or the position otherwise becomes vacant, the next most senior judge shall assume the duties
20 of the position for the remainder of the vacated term. The chief judge shall be vested with
21 the power to prepare schedules for conducting the circuit business for his or her term and
22 shall make all appointments whenever the law provides for the superior court judge to make
23 appointments."

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SECTION 2.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.