

House Bill 569 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 style="text-align:center">**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 style="text-align:center">"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."

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**SECTION 2.**

61 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.