

House Bill 653 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 138th and Rynders of the 152nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Sumter County, formerly the Civil and Criminal
2 Court of Sumter County, approved November 22, 1900 (Ga. L. 1900, p. 93), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3039), and by an Act
4 approved March 26, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 4247), so as to change the compensation of the
5 judge of such court; to change the provisions regarding the practice of law by such judge; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the State Court of Sumter County, formerly the Civil and Criminal Court of
10 Sumter County, approved November 22, 1900 (Ga. L. 1900, p. 93), as amended, particularly
11 by an Act approved March 22, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3039), and by an Act approved
12 March 26, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 4247), is amended by revising Section 5A as follows:

13 "SECTION 5A.

14 The salary of the judge of the State Court of Sumter County shall be not less than
15 \$17,000.00 per annum, payable in biweekly installments from the funds of Sumter County."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 43 as follows:

18 "SECTION 43.

19 The judge of the state court may engage in the private practice of law in other courts but
20 shall not practice in his or her own court or appear in any matter as to which that judge has
21 exercised any jurisdiction. It shall be unlawful for the judge of the state court to give
22 advice or counsel to any person on any matter of any kind whatsoever which is directly or

23 indirectly in his or her own court, except such advice or counsel as he or she is called upon
24 to give while performing his or her duties as state court judge."

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.