

House Bill 940 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Willard of the 51st, Smith of the 134th, and Morris of the 156th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for an additional judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and
2 Oconee Judicial Circuit, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 570), so as to change the
3 date of election of such additional judges; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for an additional judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, approved
8 May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 570), is amended by revising Section 1-3 as follows:

9 "SECTION 1-3.

10 The initial judge appointed as provided by this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for
11 a term beginning on his or her appointment and expiring on December 31, 2016, and until
12 a successor is elected and qualified. A successor to the initial judge shall be elected in a
13 manner provided by Code Section 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for
14 the election of judges of the superior courts of this state in 2016 for a term of four years
15 beginning on January 1, 2017, and until the election and qualification of a successor.
16 Future successors shall be elected each four years thereafter as provided by Code Section
17 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for terms of four years and until the
18 election and qualification of a successor. They shall take office on the first day of January
19 following the date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner
20 provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 An Act providing for an additional judge of the Oconee Judicial Circuit, approved May 6,
23 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 570), is amended by revising Section 2-3 as follows:

24 "SECTION 2-3.

25 The initial judge appointed as provided by this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for
26 a term beginning on his or her appointment and expiring on December 31, 2016, and until
27 a successor is elected and qualified. A successor to the initial judge shall be elected in a
28 manner provided by Code Section 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for
29 the election of judges of the superior courts of this state in 2016 for a term of four years
30 beginning on January 1, 2017, and until the election and qualification of a successor.
31 Future successors shall be elected each four years thereafter as provided by Code Section
32 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for terms of four years and until the
33 election and qualification of a successor. They shall take office on the first day of January
34 following the date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner
35 provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state."

36 **SECTION 3.**

37 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
38 without such approval.

39 **SECTION 4.**

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