

House Bill 489

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Carson of the 46th, Caldwell of the 20th, Cantrell of the 22nd, and Turner of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create the State Court of Cherokee County," approved
2 April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4427), as amended, so as to provide for the appointment of
3 solicitor-general investigators; to provide for qualifications; to provide for powers; to provide
4 for a chief investigator; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act entitled "An Act to create the State Court of Cherokee County," approved April 15,
8 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4427), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as
9 follows:

10 "Section 21.1.

11 (a) The governing authority of Cherokee County is authorized, but not required, to provide
12 for the employment of investigators by the solicitor-general. Any investigator appointed
13 pursuant to this Act or Code Section 15-18-71 of the O.C.G.A. shall meet the qualifications
14 for certification as a peace officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., the
15 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.' Such investigators shall exercise all the
16 powers of a peace officer including the power to make arrests and to apply for, execute, and
17 return any warrant, rule, order, or process in any county of this state.

18 (b) The solicitor-general may appoint one investigator as the chief investigator to supervise
19 such investigators in the performance of their duties as designated by the solicitor-general
20 or his or her designee. The chief investigator shall serve at the pleasure of the
21 solicitor-general."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.