

House Bill 640

By: Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Efstrotation of the 104th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Clark of the 101st, Clark of the 98th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties,
2 jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3722), so as to change
4 provisions relating to the salary supplements for the judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit;
5 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties,
9 jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended,
10 particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3722), is amended by
11 repealing Section 2A in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "SECTION 2A.

13 The compensation and allowances of the judges of the Superior Court of the Gwinnett
14 Judicial Circuit shall be as provided by general law, and in addition thereto the salary of each
15 judge shall be supplemented in the amount of \$52,670.00 annually from the funds of
16 Gwinnett County. Effective January 1, 2016, such supplemented amount shall be \$59,170.00
17 annually from the funds of Gwinnett County. Effective January 1, 2017, such supplemented
18 amount shall be \$65,670.00 annually from the funds of Gwinnett County. In the event that
19 the state increases the base salary of superior court judges during the period from March 15,
20 2015, through and including December 31, 2017, the increase in supplement paid by
21 Gwinnett County pursuant to this Act shall be decreased by an amount equal to the amount
22 that the state base pay of superior court judges is increased; provided, however, that no
23 decrease in such supplement shall become effective during a judge's term of office but shall
24 become effective on the first day of the next term of office. On and after January 1, 2018,
25 such supplemented amount shall be increased in the same percentage as any market

26 adjustment or cost of living pay increase which may be provided by the Gwinnett County
27 governing authority for all county employees. Such supplement shall be paid in equal
28 monthly installments. In addition to such supplement, the governing authority of Gwinnett
29 County is authorized to pay the superior court judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit such
30 amount as shall be fixed by the governing authority."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015.

33 **SECTION 3.**

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