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Senate Bill 262

By: Senator Stone of the 23rd

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1	To amend Title	15 of the	Official Code of	Georgia Annotated,	relating to courts	, so as to

- 2 change provisions relating to when a judge, judicial officer, grand juror, or trial juror may
- 3 be disqualified from presiding or serving, as applicable, due to being related by
- 4 consanguinity or affinity to a party; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
- 5 and for other purposes.

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

- 8 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising
- 9 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-1-8, relating to when a judge or judicial
- 10 officer is disqualified, as follows:
- 11 "(2) Preside, act, or serve in any case or matter when such judge is related by
- consanguinity or affinity within the sixth third degree as computed according to the civil
- law to any party interested in the result of the case or matter; or"

14 SECTION 2.

- 15 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-12-70, relating to disqualification
- 16 for relationship to interested party, as follows:
- 17 "15-12-70.
- All grand jurors in the courts of this state shall be disqualified to act or serve in any case
- or matter when such jurors are related by consanguinity or affinity to any party interested
- in the result of the case or matter within the sixth third degree as computed according to
- 21 the civil law. Relationship more remote shall not be a disqualification."
- SECTION 3.
- 23 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-12-135, relating
- 24 to disqualification for relationship to interested party, as follows:

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25 "(a) All trial jurors in the courts of this state shall be disqualified to act or serve in any case
26 or matter when such jurors are related by consanguinity or affinity to any party interested
27 in the result of the case or matter within the sixth third degree as computed according to
28 the civil law. Relationship more remote shall not be a disqualification."

## 29 **SECTION 4.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.