

House Bill 1143

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the employment of marshals by Cherokee County; to provide for
2 qualifications; to provide for powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
3 laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 The governing authority of Cherokee County is authorized, but not required, to provide for
7 the employment of marshals for the purpose of enforcing all ordinances, resolutions, rules,
8 and regulations of the county; providing security for the Magistrate Court of Cherokee
9 County when such court is in session; providing security for meetings of the governing
10 authority; and such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the governing authority.
11 Any marshal so employed shall meet the qualifications for certification and be certified as
12 a peace officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Peace
13 Officer Standards and Training Act.' Such marshals may exercise all the powers of a peace
14 officer including the power to make arrests and to apply for, execute, and return any warrant,
15 rule, order, or process in any county of this state. The establishment of a county police force
16 in Cherokee County shall be done as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.,
17 including the requirement for approval by the voters in a referendum on or after July 1, 2016.

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.