

ADOPTED

Senator Stone of the 23rd offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 126 (LC 29 7600S) by adding*
 2 *after "exceptions;" on line 6 the following:*

3 to amend Code Section 15-9-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 appointment, compensation, term, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of
 5 associate probate court judges, so as to change provisions relating to the practice of law
 6 outside of serving as an associate probate court judge;

7 *By replacing lines 9 and 10 with the following:*

8 **PART I**
 9 **SECTION 1-1.**

10 Part I of this Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Judicial Qualifications
 11 Commission

12 *By redesignating Section 2 as Section 2-2.*

13 *By replacing line 333 with the following:*

14 **PART II**
 15 **SECTION 2-1.**

16 Code Section 15-9-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment,
 17 compensation, term, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate
 18 probate court judges, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (e) as follows:

19 "(1) It shall be unlawful for any full-time associate judge of the probate court to engage
 20 in any practice of law outside his or her role as an associate judge of the probate court;
 21 provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply when he or she is serving as a
 22 judge advocate general or in any other military role in a reserve component of the United
 23 States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast
 24 Guard, United States Air Force, United States National Guard, Georgia National Guard,
 25 Georgia Air National Guard, Georgia Naval Militia, or the State Defense Force. It shall
 26 be unlawful for any part-time associate judge of the probate court to engage directly or

27 indirectly in the practice of law in his or her own name or in the name of another as a
28 partner in any manner in any case, proceeding, or matter of any kind in his or her own
29 court or in any other court in any case, proceeding, or any other matters of which his or
30 her own court has pending jurisdiction or has jurisdiction. It shall be unlawful for any
31 associate judge of the probate court, full-time or part-time, to give advice or counsel to
32 any person on any matter of any kind whatsoever that has arisen directly or indirectly in
33 his or her own court, except such advice or counsel as he or she is called upon to give
34 while performing the duties of an associate judge of the probate court."

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PART III

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SECTION 3-1.