

House Bill 1006

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the selection of the chief judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; to provide for
2 terms; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for a specific repealer; to repeal
3 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 The chief judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit shall be selected by an election of the majority
7 of the judges of the circuit. If no agreement is reached on the selection of the chief judge,
8 the judge most senior in time of service who has not previously served as chief judge shall
9 be the chief judge. The chief judge shall serve for a term of two years, and he or she may
10 only serve two consecutive terms. After a two-year break in service, a judge may be again
11 selected as the chief judge.

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

13 The duties of the chief judge shall include:

- 14 (1) Regularly meeting with all judges of the circuit and other courts located in Fulton
15 County to discuss issues affecting the courts, to collaborate on best practices regarding
16 case management and sentencing, and to achieve other operational efficiencies;
- 17 (2) Preparing and presenting the court's budget to state and local authorities after
18 conferring with all of the judges of the circuit;
- 19 (3) After consulting with all of the judges of the circuit, establishing criteria and
20 qualifications for the employment, discipline, and dismissal of employees assigned to the
21 courts and each judge;
- 22 (4) Devising and implementing a personnel system for the courts to ensure fair treatment
23 for all administrative personnel assigned to the courts and each judge;
- 24 (5) Requiring the court administrator to prepare and disseminate to the chief judge and
25 all other judges on the court monthly case activity reports which, at a minimum, show the

26 number of civil cases assigned, disposed of, and pending for each judge and the number
27 of criminal cases assigned, disposed of, and pending for each judge;
28 (6) In consultation with all judges of the court, establishing case management standards
29 and ensuring such standards are met, including taking remedial action or providing
30 assistance, taking into consideration the fair treatment of all other judges on the bench;
31 and
32 (7) Performing all other duties required by law.

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 An Act to provide for the selection of the chief judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit,
35 approved May 7, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 882), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

36 **SECTION 4.**

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