

House Bill 1148

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to change provisions relating to the Magistrate Court of Berrien County,
2 approved March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3721), as amended, so as to provide for the
3 election of future chief magistrates; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to change provisions relating to the Magistrate Court of Berrien County, approved
9 March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3721), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 and
10 Section 3 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 The chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Berrien County in office on July 1, 2020,
13 shall serve out the term to which he or she was appointed. Thereafter, successors shall be
14 elected in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A.;
15 provided, however, that such elections shall be nonpartisan.

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 Vacancies in the office of the chief magistrate occurring on or after July 1, 2020, shall be
18 filled in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall be effective on July 1, 2020.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.