

House Bill 1148 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

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 the effective  
13 date of this Act, shall serve out the term to which he or she was appointed. Thereafter,  
14 successors shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of  
15 the O.C.G.A.; provided, however, that such elections shall be nonpartisan.

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which  
22 such Act is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.