

House Bill 614

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 73rd, Knight of the 130th, Singleton of the 71st, Bonner of the 72nd, Camp of the 131st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To revise certain provisions governing the Griffin Judicial Circuit; to revise the method for
2 the assignment of cases; to revise the method for the selection of one or more qualified
3 persons as judge of the juvenile courts of the circuit; to revise the method of selection of the
4 chief judge; the revise the method for filling a vacancy in the office of chief magistrate of
5 Fayette County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 All actions, civil and criminal, of the Griffin Judicial Circuit shall be assigned as provided
10 for by general law.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Upon the expiration of the term of any persons serving as judge of the juvenile courts on the
13 effective date of this Act or, if no such term of service has been designated for any such
14 persons currently serving on the effective date of this Act, then on July 1, 2021, the majority
15 of the judges of the superior courts of the Griffin Judicial Circuit may appoint one or more

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16 qualified persons as judge of the juvenile courts of the circuit as provided for under general
17 law.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 Beginning on July 1, 2021, and on July 1 in every odd-numbered year thereafter, the chief
20 judge of the superior courts of the Griffin Judicial Circuit shall be selected by majority vote
21 of the judges of the Griffin Judicial Circuit. The judge currently serving as chief judge on
22 the effective date of this Act shall continue his or her service as chief judge until his or her
23 successor is selected pursuant to this Act.

24 **SECTION 4.**

25 A vacancy in the office of chief magistrate of Fayette County shall be filled as provided for
26 by general law.

27 **SECTION 5.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.