Senate Bill 534

By: Senator Kemp of the 3rd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of court, so as to change the terms of court for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit; to amend Code Section 15-6-89 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to additional remuneration for clerks of the superior court for certain services, so as to provide for additional compensation for clerks of superior court for certain duties; to provide for related matters; to change the terms of court of the Tifton Judicial Circuit; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of court, is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

"(4) *Atlantic Circuit*:

(A) Bryan County - Third Monday in March and first Monday in November.

(B) Evans County - First Monday in February and first Monday in August.

(C) Liberty County - ~~Third~~ Second Monday in February and September.

(D) Long County - First Monday in March and third Monday in August.

(E) McIntosh County - ~~Fourth~~ Third Monday in May and first Monday in December.

(F) Tattnall County - Third Monday in April and October."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 15-6-89 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to additional remuneration for clerks of the superior court for certain services, is amended by striking the Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 15-6-89 to read as follows:

"15-6-89.

In addition to the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-6-88 or any other salary provided by any applicable general or local law, each clerk of the superior court of any county who also serves as clerk of a state court, city court, juvenile court, or civil court under any applicable general or local law of this state or who performs duties pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-12-1 shall receive for his or her services in such other court a salary of not less than $286.73 per month, to be paid from the funds of the county. In the event any such court for which a clerk of the superior court is serving as clerk is abolished, the clerk of the superior court shall not be entitled to any salary heretofore received for service in such court."

SECTION 3.

Said Code section is further amended by striking in its entirety paragraph (39) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(39) Tifton Circuit:

(A) Irwin County -- ~~Third and fourth Mondays in February and second and third Mondays in May and November~~ Second Monday in February and second Monday in August.

(B) Tift County -- ~~First Monday in March and September and first and second Mondays in June and December~~ Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.

(C) Turner County -- ~~Second and third Mondays in January and July and second Monday in April and October~~ Second Monday in April and second Monday in October.

(D) Worth County -- ~~Fourth Monday in January, April, July, and October~~ Second Monday in January and second Monday in July."

SECTION 4.

As Section 2 of this Act provides for the Tifton Judicial Circuit, the November, 2002, term of court in Irwin County shall continue until the second Monday in February, 2003; the December, 2002, term of court in Tift County shall continue until the second Monday in March 2003; the October, 2002, term of court in Turner County shall continue until the second Monday in April 2003; and the October, 2002, term of court in Worth County shall continue until the second Monday in January, 2003.

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.

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