House Bill 1496 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hatfield of the 177th, Sims of the 169th, Smith of the 168th, and Mosley of the 178th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the terms of superior courts, so as to change the term of court in Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware counties in the Waycross Circuit; and in Atkinson, Berrien, Clinch, Cook, and Lanier counties in the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; 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 superior courts, is amended by striking paragraph (41) and inserting a new paragraph (41) to read as follows:

"(41) WAYCROSS CIRCUIT:

(A) Bacon County — Third Monday in April and second Monday in October.

(B) Brantley County — Fourth Monday in January and second Monday in September.

(C) Charlton County — Fourth Monday in February and September.

(D) Coffee County — Third Monday in March and October.

(E) Pierce County — First Monday in May and first Monday in December.

(F) Ware County — First Monday in April and second Monday in November.

Provided, however, if any term of court in the Waycross Circuit begins on an official state holiday, the term of court shall commence on the following Tuesday; and if any other day within the term of court shall be an official state holiday, the court shall be closed for that holiday."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of superior court, is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting a new paragraph (1) to read as follows:

″(1) ALAPAHA CIRCUIT:

(A) Atkinson County — First Monday in April and October.

(B) Berrien County — First Monday in February and August.

(C) Clinch County — Third Monday in March and September.

(D) Cook County — Second Monday in January and July.

(E) Lanier County — Fourth Monday in April and October.

Provided, however, if any term of court in the Alapaha Circuit begins on an official state holiday, the term of court shall commence on the following Tuesday; and if any other day within the term of court shall be an official state holiday, the court shall be closed for that holiday.″

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.