House Bill 811 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3838), and by an Act approved March 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3933), and by an Act approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4083), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Clayton County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3838), and by an Act approved March 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3933), and by an Act approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4083), is amended by striking Section 3A and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 3A to read as follows:

"SECTION 3A.

Effective July 1, 2009, there shall be five judges of the State Court of Clayton County. The four judges in office on July 1, 2009, shall continue to serve the terms of office to which they were elected. The fifth judge added by this section shall be appointed by the Governor for an initial term of office ending December 31, 2010, and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. Successors to the four judges in office on July 1, 2009, and successors to the fifth judge added on that date shall be elected at the November general election in the year in which their respective terms of office expire, and they shall serve for terms of office of four years each and until their successors are elected and qualified."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009, except that the Governor is authorized to appoint the additional judge added by Section 1 of this Act prior to such date but any person so appointed shall not take office until such date.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.