House Bill 902 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th, Hamilton of the 24th, Tanner of the 9th, and Duncan of the 26th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4173), and an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4619), so as to correct an error in establishing the terms of court; to provide for the frequency of payment of compensation to the judges of the court; 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 Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4173), and an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4619), is amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

"SECTION 5.

The State Court of Forsyth County shall have terms six months in duration, to be held on the first Monday of January and the first Monday of July in each year. Such terms shall remain open for the transaction of business until the next succeeding term of said court. The terms of said court are subject to being lengthened or shortened upon the sole discretion of the judge of said court. The court shall be open at all times for business. Each term of said court shall have a jury and a nonjury calendar. When there are not sufficient contested jury cases, the judge of said court, in his or her own discretion, may omit the drawing of a jury for any term of said court; however, this will not prohibit said judge from having a nonjury calendar during any term of court at which said judge omits having jury cases."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 16 as follows:

″SECTION 16.

Each judge of the State Court of Forsyth County shall receive as compensation an amount equal to 95 percent of the state salary plus the county supplement now or hereafter paid to the judges of the Superior Court of Forsyth County. Such compensation shall be paid at the same intervals as installments are paid to other county employees from the funds of Forsyth County.″

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.