

House Bill 737

By: Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 33rd, Reeves of the 34th, and Smith of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding courts, so as to revise requirements for when the chief judge of
3 a court may request assistance from a judge from the same county; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions regarding courts, is amended by revising subparagraph (b)(2)(E) of Code Section
9 15-1-9.1, relating to requesting judicial assistance from other courts, as follows:

10 "(E) Where there are one or two judges of the court, the chief judge determines that the
11 business of the court requires the permanent assistance of an additional judge or
12 additional judges or, where there are two or more judges of the court, a majority of
13 the judges of the requesting court determines that the business of the court requires the
14 permanent assistance of an additional judge or additional judges. If the requesting court
15 is a state or superior court, the assisting judge or assisting judges may hear and decide
16 matters otherwise in the exclusive jurisdiction of the state or superior court without

17 regard to time, type of case, or limitations contained in the rules of such state or
18 superior court; provided, however, that a chief magistrate or magistrate may serve as
19 a permanent assisting judge only in counties having a population of 180,000 or more
20 according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.