

House Bill 1258 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20,  
2 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987  
3 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4423), so as to provide an additional judge; to provide for the election of the  
4 initial additional judge; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors  
5 to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide  
6 for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters;  
7 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga.  
11 L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L.  
12 1987, p. 4423), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2.1 as follows:

13 "(a) As of January 1, 2027, the State Court of Muscogee County shall consist of three  
14 judges. The two judges of the state court in office on December 31, 2026, shall serve out  
15 the terms of office to which such judges were elected or appointed. The third judge of the  
16 state court shall be elected in a manner provided by law for the election of judges of the

17 state courts of this state at the nonpartisan general election in 2026, for a term of four years  
18 beginning on January 1, 2027, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Such  
19 election shall be held and conducted in a manner provided for by law for the election of  
20 judges of the state courts of this state. Each judge shall have and may exercise all powers,  
21 duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the State  
22 Court of Muscogee County. The compensation, salary, supplements, and contingent  
23 expense allowances of the third judge shall be the same as that of the other judges of the  
24 State Court of Muscogee County."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.