

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1121:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to  
2 change certain terms of court in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; to provide for court clerks to  
3 retain moneys collected from forfeited bonds in the court registry until the time allowed by  
4 law for remission expires; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in  
9 Article 1 of Chapter 6, relating to general provisions relative to superior courts, by revising  
10 paragraph (13) of Code Section 15-6-3, relating to terms of superior courts, as follows:

11 **"(13) Cordele Circuit:**

12 (A) Ben Hill County — ~~Second and third Mondays in January, first, second, and third~~  
13 ~~Mondays in April, third and fourth Mondays in June, and third and fourth Mondays in~~  
14 ~~September and Monday following~~ January 1 and July 1.

15 (B) Crisp County — ~~Third and fourth Mondays in February and Monday following;~~  
 16 ~~third and fourth Mondays in May; first, second, and third Mondays in August; and~~  
 17 ~~second and third Mondays in November~~ January 1 and July 1.

18 (C) Dooly County — ~~First and second Mondays in February; fourth Monday in April~~  
 19 ~~and Monday following; third and fourth Mondays in July; and third and fourth~~  
 20 ~~Mondays in October~~ January 1 and July 1.

21 (D) Wilcox County — ~~Second and third Mondays in March; fourth Monday in August~~  
 22 ~~and Monday following; and first and second Mondays in December~~ January 1 and  
 23 July 1."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 21, relating to general provisions relative  
 26 to payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, by adding a new subsection to Code  
 27 Section 15-21-2, relating to payment into county treasury of fines and bond forfeitures, to  
 28 read as follows:

29 "(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section or Code Section 15-21-4,  
 30 15-21-74, 15-21-94, 36-32-6, 47-11-51, 47-14-50, 47-16-60, or 47-17-60 to the contrary,  
 31 the clerks of the several courts shall be authorized to deposit moneys collected from  
 32 forfeited bonds into the court registry and shall not be required pursuant to this Code  
 33 section or Code Section 15-21-4, 15-21-74, 15-21-94, 36-32-6, 47-11-51, 47-14-50,  
 34 47-16-60, or 47-17-60 to pay or otherwise disburse any portion of such moneys collected  
 35 until the expiration of the maximum time allowed by law for the court to direct remission  
 36 of such moneys collected, in whole or in part, pursuant to Code Section 17-6-72."

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

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**SECTION 4.**

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