

House Bill 858 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L.
2 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p.
3 3750), so as to provide for additional assistant solicitor positions; to change the salaries of
4 certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p.
9 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3750), is
10 amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 27 as follows:

11 "(d)(1) The solicitor-general shall have the authority to appoint two assistant solicitors
12 for each judge of Division I and Division II of the State Court of Cobb County and the
13 same number of additional assistant solicitors as the number of full-time magistrates of
14 the Magistrate Court of Cobb County, plus four additional assistant solicitors, who shall
15 serve at the pleasure of the solicitor-general and who shall assist the solicitor-general in
16 the performance of his or her duties. All assistant solicitors shall have been admitted to

17 the practice of law in all of the courts of this state and be members in good standing of
18 the State Bar of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided by law, all assistant solicitors
19 shall be compensated a sum of at least \$83,400.00 annually beginning on January 1,
20 2027. The exact amount of said compensation shall be determined by the
21 solicitor-general of the State Court of Cobb County and approved by the governing
22 authority of Cobb County. The sum shall be payable in equal monthly installments from
23 the general funds of the county.

24 (2) The solicitor-general is authorized to designate a specific number of assistant
25 solicitors to serve as supervisors. The solicitor-general shall prescribe the duties and
26 assignments of such assistant solicitors and, while so employed, such assistant solicitors
27 shall not engage in the private practice of law."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

30 **SECTION 3.**

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