

House Bill 956

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the designation of the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit; to
2 provide for terms of office; to provide for filling vacancies in such office; to provide for
3 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 (a) There shall be one superior court judge designated as the chief judge of the Conasauga
7 Judicial Circuit. That judge shall handle all duties assigned by law to the chief judge of the
8 circuit, as well as any duties agreed upon by the other judges of the circuit. The chief judge
9 shall serve a one-year term, and shall be selected each year by majority vote of the judges of
10 the circuit. In the event of a tie vote, the then-current chief judge shall receive an additional
11 vote to break such tie.

12 (b) The term of the chief judge serving on the effective date of this Act shall end on
13 December 31, 2024, and the successor to such chief judge shall be selected pursuant to the
14 provisions of this Act to take office on January 1, 2025.

15 (c) In the event that a judge serving as chief judge becomes unwilling or unable to complete
16 his or her term, a majority of the judges of the circuit shall select a new chief judge to serve
17 out the remainder of that calendar year.

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SECTION 2.

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.