

AN ACT

To amend an Act making provisions for the Magistrate Court of Chatham County and abolishing the Municipal Court of Savannah, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by Acts approved March 20, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4028), March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3772), and March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3751), so as to provide for two full-time magistrates for Chatham County; to provide for the appointment of a third full-time magistrate by the Board of Commissioners; to provide for the election and appointment of successor magistrates; to provide for the appointment of pro tempore and part-time magistrates; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act making provisions for the Magistrate Court of Chatham County and abolishing the Municipal Court of Savannah, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by Acts approved March 20, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4028), March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3772), and March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3751), is amended in Section 3 by revising subsections (c) and (d) and adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) On and after the effective date of this Act, Chatham County shall have two full-time magistrates. The Board of Commissioners may appoint a third full-time magistrate.

(d) All full-time magistrates appointed or elected prior to the effective date of this Act shall serve the remainder of their terms and until their successors have been duly qualified and elected. Successors shall be elected at the same time, in the same manner, and for the same term as the Chief Magistrate and shall meet the qualifications of a magistrate provided by both general law and local Act.

(e) The Chief Magistrate shall nominate any part-time and pro tempore magistrate, subject to approval by majority vote of the Board of Commissioners.

(f) All part-time or pro tempore magistrates serving on the effective date of this Act shall be reappointed only upon nomination by the Chief Magistrate and upon approval by majority vote of the Board of Commissioners."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.