

Senate Bill 574

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Cowser of the 46th and Anderson of the 43rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the  
2 Alcovy Judicial Circuit, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 152), as amended,  
3 particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 1217), so as to authorize  
4 the counties that make up said judicial circuit to provide additional investigators to the  
5 district attorney; to provide for appointment and qualifications of such investigators; to  
6 provide for the powers of such investigators; to provide that such investigators shall serve  
7 at the pleasure of the district attorney; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 To amend an Act creating a new judicial circuit for the State of Georgia to be known as the  
12 Alcovy Judicial Circuit, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 152), as amended,  
13 particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 1217), is amended by  
14 revising Section 4A as follows:

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15 "SECTION 4A.

16 The governing authorities of Newton County and Walton County are authorized, but not  
17 required, to provide for the employment of investigators by the district attorney for the  
18 Alcovy Judicial Circuit. Any investigator appointed pursuant to this Act or Code  
19 Section 15-18-14.1 of the O.C.G.A. shall meet the qualifications for certification as a peace  
20 officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia, the 'Georgia  
21 Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.' Such investigators shall exercise all the powers  
22 of a peace officer including the power to make arrests and to apply for, execute, and return  
23 any warrant, rule, order, or process in any county of this state. Said investigators shall  
24 further be considered police officers pursuant to subparagraph (c)(2)(C) of Code  
25 Section 16-11-130 of the O.C.G.A. Said investigators shall serve at the pleasure of the  
26 district attorney."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.