

House Bill 625 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a State Court of Fulton County by consolidation of the existing  
2 Civil Court of Fulton County and the Criminal Court of Fulton County, approved March 24,  
3 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3023), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994  
4 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3518), so as  
5 to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for the  
6 appointment of the initial additional judge and the election of successors; to provide for terms  
7 of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and  
8 privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said  
9 additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
10 purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 An Act creating a State Court of Fulton County by consolidation of the existing Civil Court  
14 of Fulton County and the Criminal Court of Fulton County, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga.  
15 L. 1976, p. 3023), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L.

1994, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3518), is amended by adding at the end of subsection (b) of Section 6 a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Two additional judges are added to the State Court of Fulton County, thereby increasing to 12 the number of judges of said court. Such judges shall be appointed by the Governor as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act for a term beginning on the date of such appointment and expiring December 31, 2026, and until successors are elected and qualified. Successors to the initial judges shall be elected in a manner provided by law for the election of judges of the state courts of this state at the nonpartisan general election in May 2026, for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2027, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall take office on January 1 following the date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner provided for by law for the election of judges of the state courts of this state. Said additional judges shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the State Court of Fulton County. The compensation, salary, and contingent expense allowances of said additional judges shall be the same as that of the other judges of the State Court of Fulton County. Any salary supplements heretofore enacted by Fulton County shall also be applicable to the additional judges provided for in this Act."

## **SECTION 2.**

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