

House Bill 490 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for the appointment of district attorney investigators in the Blue Ridge Judicial  
2 Circuit; to provide for qualifications; to provide for powers; to provide for a chief  
3 investigator; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 (a) The governing authority of Cherokee County is authorized, but not required, to provide  
7 for the employment of investigators by the district attorney for the Blue Ridge Judicial  
8 Circuit. Any investigator appointed pursuant to this Act or Code Section 15-18-14.1 of the  
9 O.C.G.A. for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit shall meet the qualifications for certification  
10 as a peace officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Peace  
11 Officer Standards and Training Act.' Such investigators shall exercise all the powers of a  
12 peace officer including the power to make arrests and to apply for, execute, and return any  
13 warrant, rule, order, or process in any county of this state.

14 (b) The district attorney may appoint one investigator as the chief investigator to supervise  
15 such investigators in the performance of their duties as designated by the district attorney or  
16 his or her designee. The chief investigator shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney.

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.