

House Bill 940 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Willard of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>, and Morris of the 156<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for an additional judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and  
2 Oconee Judicial Circuit, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 570), so as to change the  
3 date of election of such additional judges; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for an additional judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, approved  
8 May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 570), is amended by revising Section 1-3 as follows:

9 "SECTION 1-3.

10 The initial judge appointed as provided by this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for  
11 a term beginning on his or her appointment and expiring on December 31, 2016, and until  
12 a successor is elected and qualified. A successor to the initial judge shall be elected in a  
13 manner provided by Code Section 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for  
14 the election of judges of the superior courts of this state in 2016 for a term of four years  
15 beginning on January 1, 2017, and until the election and qualification of a successor.  
16 Future successors shall be elected each four years thereafter as provided by Code Section  
17 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for terms of four years and until the  
18 election and qualification of a successor. They shall take office on the first day of January  
19 following the date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner  
20 provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 An Act providing for an additional judge of the Oconee Judicial Circuit, approved May 6,  
23 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 570), is amended by revising Section 2-3 as follows:

24 "SECTION 2-3.

25 The initial judge appointed as provided by this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for  
26 a term beginning on his or her appointment and expiring on December 31, 2016, and until  
27 a successor is elected and qualified. A successor to the initial judge shall be elected in a  
28 manner provided by Code Section 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for  
29 the election of judges of the superior courts of this state in 2016 for a term of four years  
30 beginning on January 1, 2017, and until the election and qualification of a successor.  
31 Future successors shall be elected each four years thereafter as provided by Code Section  
32 21-2-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for terms of four years and until the  
33 election and qualification of a successor. They shall take office on the first day of January  
34 following the date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner  
35 provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state."

36 **SECTION 3.**

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

39 **SECTION 4.**

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