

House Bill 1021 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the State Court of Spalding County, formerly known as the  
2 City Court of Griffin, approved December 14, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 462), as amended,  
3 particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4527), so as to provide for  
4 the election of the county solicitor; to specify the requirements for holding the office of the  
5 county solicitor; to establish the office of the county solicitor as a full-time position; to  
6 designate the salary of the office of the county solicitor; to authorize the appointment of  
7 assistant county solicitors; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to  
8 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 An Act establishing the State Court of Spalding County, formerly known as the City Court  
12 of Griffin, approved December 14, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 462), as amended, particularly by  
13 an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4527), is amended by revising Section 5  
14 to read as follows:

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

16 (a) There shall be a solicitor of the State Court of Spalding County. The solicitor of the  
17 State Court of Spalding County serving on January 1, 2017, shall continue to serve for the  
18 remainder of his or her term and until his or her successor has been duly elected and  
19 qualified. Such successor, and all future successors, to the office of the solicitor of the  
20 State Court of Spalding County whose terms of office are to expire shall be nominated to  
21 run in a general primary and elected at the general election immediately preceding such  
22 expiration of term, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following such  
23 election, and shall serve for a term of office as provided for in Code Section 15-18-60 of  
24 the O.C.G.A. and until the election and qualification of a successor.

25 (b) The solicitor of the State Court of Spalding County shall be subject to the eligibility  
26 requirements of Code Section 15-18-62 of the O.C.G.A.

27 (c) The solicitor shall devote full time to the duties of his or her office and shall be paid  
28 a salary equal to 90 percent of the yearly salary paid to the judge of the State Court of  
29 Spalding County. As used in this subsection, the term 'yearly salary' means the base salary  
30 plus any supplements paid to the State Court Judge of Spalding County.

31 (d) The solicitor of the State Court of Spalding County shall have the authority to appoint  
32 up to two assistant solicitors with the prior approval of the Board of Commissioners of  
33 Spalding County. Any assistant solicitor shall be paid a salary as approved by the Board  
34 of Commissioners of Spalding County from county funds."

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

37 **SECTION 3.**

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