

House Bill 615

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, and Thomas of the 65th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act continuing the State Court of Coweta County, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga.
2 L. 2004, p. 4260), as amended, so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for an effective
3 date; to provide for other matters; 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 An Act continuing the State Court of Coweta County, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004,
7 p. 4260), as amended, is amended by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Section 10 and
8 adding a new subsection (e) to Section 10 as follows:

9 "(c) Effective July 1, 2024, there shall be three judges of the State Court of Coweta
10 County. The third judge added effective July 1, 2024, shall be appointed by the Governor
11 for an initial term of office ending December 31, 2026, and until his or her successor is
12 elected and qualified. The successor to said judge shall be elected by the qualified voters
13 of Coweta County at a nonpartisan election to be held and conducted jointly with the
14 general primary in 2026 and quadrennially thereafter pursuant to Code Section 21-2-138
15 of the O.C.G.A., and this position shall be judicial post 3. The judge thus elected to

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16 judicial post 3 shall serve a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and
17 qualified.

18 (d) The judges of said court shall have such qualifications and shall be subject to such
19 restrictions and discipline as provided in Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. They shall
20 be vested with all the power and authority of the judges of the state courts by Chapter 7 of
21 Title 15 of the O.C.G.A.

22 (e) The judges shall devote their full time to the duties of said office and shall be paid a
23 salary established by the governing authority of Coweta County. Said salary shall be
24 payable out of the funds of Coweta County at the same intervals as installments are paid
25 to other county employees."

26 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.