

House Bill 642

By: Representative Rhodes of the 120<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Magistrate Court of Putnam County, approved March 12,  
2 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3788), as amended, so as to revise the number, manner of selection,  
3 and compensation of the judges of the magistrate court; to provide for related matters; to  
4 provide an 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 the Magistrate Court of Putnam County, approved March 12, 1984  
8 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3788), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

9 "SECTION 2.

10 The number of magistrates authorized for the Magistrate Court of Putnam County shall be  
11 one magistrate, who shall be the chief magistrate."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

14 "SECTION 4.

15 Reserved."

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

18 "SECTION 5.

19 Vacancies in the office of chief magistrate shall be filled as provided by general law."

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 7 as follows:

22 "SECTION 7.

23 Reserved."

24 **SECTION 5.**

25 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

26 **SECTION 6.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.