

1972	Gov. Carter under executive order creates the Judicial Nominating Commission
1/3/1972	George Whitman Leaves Office H. Sol Clark is appointed to office
4/3/1972	Robert Jordan leaves office to Serve on the Supreme Court of Georgia
4/13/1972	Irwin Stolz is appointed to office.
3/10/1974	Robert Hall leaves office to Serve on the Supreme Court of Georgia
3/19/1974	Julian Webb is appointed to office.
10/31/1974	Eberhardt leaves office
11/1/1974	Thomas Marshall is elected to office. President Carter appointed him to office a few days before the election.
4/30/1976	Evans leaves office
5/3/1976	William McMurray is appointed to office
9/1/1976	George T. Smith was appointed to office. He also won the election in November. He replaces Pannell.
12/29/1976	Clarke leaves Office
12/31/1976	Pannell leaves office
1977	Gov. Busbee make cost of living raises for Judges automatic.
1/7/1977	Arnold Shulman is appointed to office.
3/1/1977	Irwin Stolz leaves office
3/23/1977	Another change, by statute, transferred from the Supreme Court to the Court of Appeals jurisdiction over appeals of cases of armed robbery, rape and kidnapping where the death penalty is not imposed, and transferred from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court jurisdiction in cases involving contested elections and the validity of legislative enactments of municipalities (Ga. Laws 1977, p. 710).

4/1/1977	Harold Banke is appointed to office.
7/15/1977	Marshall leaves office to serve on the Supreme Court of Georgia
7/28/1977	A.W. Birdsong is appointed to office.
1/31/1979	John Sammons Bell leaves office The position of Chief Judge was placed on a rotating basis Deen became First Chief of the Rotation
2/16/1979	Norman Underwood is appointed to office
4/5/1979	Julian Webb leaves office George Carley is appointed to office.
12/31/1979	Underwood leaves office



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The quality of our system of administering justice is determined by the quality of the judicial officers elected and appointed to serve within our judicial system; and,

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility and the duty of the Governor under Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph III, of the Georgia Constitution to appoint duly qualified persons to fill vacancies in the courts arising during the Governor's term of office; and,

WHEREAS: It is essential that the Governor fills judicial vacancies with men and women of the highest capacity whom by temperament, ability and integrity will freely, impartially and independently interpret the laws and administer justice; and,

WHEREAS: Judicial candidates demonstrating excellence should be drawn from a cross-section of our community, reflecting the diversity of our citizenry; and

WHEREAS: A non-partisan, non-political judicial nominating commission composed of outstanding lawyers and laypersons in aid to the discretion reposed in the Governor, drawn from all quarters of the State and a cross-section of its diverse population best ensures the highest quality of judicial appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That there is created the Judicial Nominating Commission for the State of Georgia. The Commission shall make nominations to fill vacancies on all courts of record in the State.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Commission shall consist of members that have demonstrable knowledge of the judicial system and experience in the needs and operation of Georgia courts. Members who are members of the bar shall have at least ten years of experience relevant to the courts as former judges, former magistrates, trial counsel, government counsel, or corporate counsel and shall be members of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing. Members who are not members of the Bar shall be familiar with the attributes that best qualify a person for appointment as a judicial officer.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission shall consist of members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members shall be residents of the State of Georgia. Appointments shall be made with a view toward equitable geographic representation and shall reflect the diversity of the State's citizenry.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That in the event of a judicial vacancy, the Commission shall advertise the vacancy and elicit applications of qualified persons to fill the vacancy; meet and consider persons for submission as nominees according to merit and law and shall recommend to the Governor five individuals which it finds qualified for each judiciary vacancy. If less than five are found qualified, the Commission shall recommend as many as are qualified.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all written communications by the Commission or any member with any applicant or with any person or entity concerning an applicant shall be limited to Commission stationery. No law firm or law practice letterhead stationery shall be used in connection with any such communication.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the members of the State Bar of Georgia shall at all times act according to the professional and ethical standards set forth by the Bar. All members shall at all times act according to the highest professional and ethical standards and in harmony with the Governor's Executive Order on ethics, dated Jan 13, 2003.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Michael J. Bowers is appointed as Chairman of the Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the following individuals are hereby appointed as members to the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission:

Thurbert E. Baker
Karen B. Baynes
James B. Franklin
J. Allen Hammontree
William B. Hill, Jr.
James P. Kelly, III
Edward H. Lindsey, Jr.
Michael J. Long
Leslie D. Mattingly
Quincy McWilliams
Dan E. Ponder, Jr.
Robert S. Reeves
Michael C. Russ
Ralph "Rusty" Simpson
Frank B. Strickland
H. Jerome Strickland
Emory A. Wilkerson

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Commission. Such reimbursement shall be expended from funds appropriated to or otherwise available from the Office of the Governor of the State of Georgia.

This 11th day of June, 2003.


GOVERNOR

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Sequential Number: 166

Short Title: APPELLATE COURT JURISDICTION CHANGED.

Law Number: No. 299

Origin: (House Bill No. 576).

Full Title: An Act to provide for the transfer of the jurisdiction of certain cases from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court and for the transfer of the jurisdiction of certain cases from the Supreme Court to the Court of Appeals; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia:

Section 1. Pursuant to Article VI, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction of the trial and correction of errors of law in cases involving the crimes of **armed robbery**, rape and kidnapping wherein the death penalty has not been imposed. The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction of the trial and correction of errors of law in

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cases involving State revenue, contested elections, and the validity of legislative enactments of municipalities.

Section 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approval Date: Approved March 23, 1977.