

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE LOCAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AT THE REGULAR 2021 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA CREATING THE NEWTON COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 1 thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Alcovy Judicial Circuit was created by a Local Act of the Georgia General Assembly, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. Laws 1972, p. 152), as subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-6-1 (Number of judicial circuits) controls how the entire state of Georgia is divided into judicial circuits and Newton County and Walton County are part of the existing Alcovy Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners desires to establish a new judicial circuit to be called the Newton County Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-6-2 (Number of judges in each judicial circuit) controls how many judges are assigned to each judicial circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners wishes to have three Superior Court Judges assigned to the Newton County Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-6-3 (Terms of court) controls how each judicial circuit will establish terms of court; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish the term of court for the Newton County Judicial Circuit as follows: Second and third Mondays in January, April, July, and October; and


WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners desires to create a new judicial circuit and confirm the assignment of the number of judges and terms of court; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners wishes to convey its desire to have legislation passed establishing and confirming the creation of the Newton County Judicial Circuit and transferring Newton County from the existing Alcovy Judicial Circuit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation introduce legislation at the regular 2021 session of the General Assembly of Georgia, establishing the Newton County Judicial Circuit to be staffed with three judges, and establishing the terms of court.

Duly adopted this 2nd day of February, 2021.

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attested to:


Jackie Smith, County Clerk

