



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Text

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**Public Hearing:** YES  NO  **Department:** Probate Court

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All

Approve Appointment of J. Caroline Freeman as Associate Judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, Georgia, and Approve the Compensation for said Position at an Annual Salary of \$129,377

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**PURPOSE:**

To approve the appointment of J. CAROLINE FREEMAN as associate judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, Georgia, and approve the compensation for said position.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

O.C.G.A. § 15-9-2.1(a)(1) provides: “The judge of the probate court may appoint one or more persons to serve as associate judges of the probate court in probate matters on a full-time or part-time basis subject to the approval of the governing authority of the county. Such associate judges of the probate court shall serve at the pleasure of the judge of the probate court.”

O.C.G.A. § 15-9-2.1(a)(4) further provides: “Compensation of the associate judges of the probate court shall be fixed by the judge of the probate court subject to the approval of the governing authority or governing authorities of the county or counties for which the associate judge of the probate court is appointed. The salary and any employment benefits of each associate judge of the probate court shall be paid from county funds.”

The term of employment of an associate judge of the probate court shall run concurrently with the term of the elected judge of the probate court. O.C.G.A. § 15-9-2.1(a)(5).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$129,377.00. Position was requested, approved, and funded in the Probate Court’s 2022 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.