

Amendment 2: Creation of State-wide Business Courts

Overview: This proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters in the general election, would authorize the creation of a state-wide business court with state-wide jurisdiction with the intention of lowering costs, improving the efficiency of all courts, and promoting the predictability of judicial outcomes in certain complex business disputes.

Ballot Language: *"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create a state-wide business court, authorize superior court business court divisions, and allow for the appointment process for state-wide business court judges in order to lower costs, improve the efficiency of all courts, and promote predictability of judicial outcomes in certain complex business disputes for the benefit of all citizens of this state?"*

Details: The proposed venue for the state-wide business court are cases ordered by the superior court and agreed to by all parties to the state-wide business court. The state-wide business court may conduct pretrial proceedings in any county as provided by law. Any trial of a case that is before the state-wide business court shall take place in the county as prescribed by law.

The state-wide business court judges shall serve a term of five years and such judges shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to approval by a majority vote of both the house and senate judiciary committees. The number of statewide business court judges shall be prescribed by law.