

House Bill 1252

By: Representative Hudson of the 156th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Fitzgerald, and
2 establishing a new charter therefor, approved August 22, 1907, and the several Acts
3 amendatory thereof, and for other purposes," approved August 17, 1914 (Ga. L. 1914, p.
4 781), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 4469), and
5 an Act approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4850), so as to change the compensation
6 of the mayor and aldermen of the City of Fitzgerald and the members of the Fitzgerald
7 Water, Light, and Bond Commission; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws;
8 and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 An Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Fitzgerald, and
12 establishing a new charter therefor, approved August 22, 1907, and the several Acts
13 amendatory thereof, and for other purposes," approved August 17, 1914 (Ga. L. 1914, p.
14 781), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 4469), and
15 an Act approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4850), is amended by striking Section 4
16 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 4.

18 style="text-align:center">Mayor; election, terms, vacancy in office,
19 style="text-align:center">functions, compensation.

20 At the election to be held on the third Tuesday of November of 1989, and in November
21 every four years thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor, who shall hold office for four
22 years and until his successor is elected and qualified. In the event that the office of mayor
23 shall become vacant by death, removal, or otherwise, the mayor pro tempore or, in case
24 there is no mayor pro tempore, the city council at the next regular session shall give ten

1 days' notice in the official organ of the city of the date of the election of his or her
2 successor, and said council shall call said election within 30 days from said vacancy.
3 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the person serving as mayor of said
4 city on March 1, 1989. Said election shall be managed in the same manner as all city
5 elections, in accordance with this charter; provided, however, that if the office of mayor
6 shall become vacant within three months from the expiration of the term of office, the
7 mayor pro tempore shall act as mayor during said term. The mayor shall be the chief
8 executive of the city, shall see that all the laws and ordinances of the city are faithfully
9 executed, and shall examine and audit all accounts against the city before payment. He or
10 she shall be paid a salary of \$9,000.00 per year, to be paid monthly, and shall receive no
11 other fees nor perquisites in connection with his or her office. The mayor shall have the
12 power to convene the city council in extra session whenever, in his or her judgment, the
13 exigencies of the case may demand it. The mayor shall examine the books of all the
14 officers of the city whenever he or she sees proper to do so, and if any irregularities are
15 discovered he or she shall report the same to the next meeting of the city council."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (j) of Section 9 and inserting in lieu
18 thereof the following:

19 "(j) Each aldermen shall receive for his or her services \$3,600.00 annually, to be paid
20 monthly."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (o) of Section 55 and inserting in lieu
23 thereof the following:

24 "(o) Each member of the water, light, and bond commission shall receive for his or her
25 services \$3,600.00 annually, to be paid monthly."

26 **SECTION 4.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 5.**

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