

House Bill 1490

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 109th, Westmoreland of the 104th, Walker of the 141st, Ehrhart of the 36th and Jenkins of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to coroners, so as to provide for additional state
3 compensation for the coroners of certain counties for each state inmate whose sentence of
4 death is carried out in any such county; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to coroners, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code
9 Section 45-16-11.3 to read as follows:

10 "45-16-11.3.

11 In addition to the minimum salary provided for in Code Section 45-16-11, in any county
12 which is the site of a state correctional institution or prison at which sentences of death are
13 carried out and which compensates the county coroner by salary, the state shall compensate
14 the county coroner in the amount of \$125.00 for each state inmate whose sentence of death
15 is carried out in such county. The county coroner of such a county is authorized to accept
16 the compensation provided in accordance with this Code section despite any local Act
17 which requires such a coroner to send fees to the county treasury or the county governing
18 authority. Such state compensation shall be in lieu of any fees or charges which such
19 coroner would otherwise be entitled to collect from the county for services connected with
20 attending the execution and issuing the death certificate."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.