

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 1550:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the office of tax commissioner of Catoosa County, approved
2 February 10, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1267), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4236), so as to increase the clerical allowance for the tax
4 commissioner; to remove certain limitations on the use of such clerical allowance funds; to
5 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 An Act creating the office of tax commissioner of Catoosa County, approved February 10,
9 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1267), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999
10 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4236), is amended by striking Section 5 and inserting in lieu thereof a new
11 Section 5 to read as follows:
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"SECTION 5.

13 The compensation of the tax commissioner of Catoosa County, as full compensation for
14 any and all duties performed by the tax commissioner as receiver and collector of school
15 district and school bond taxes and of county taxes for the first 90 percent of the ad valorem
16 net digest, shall be a fixed salary of \$6,000.00 per annum, to be paid in equal semimonthly
17 installments. In addition to said \$6,000.00 annual salary, the tax commissioner shall, when
18 acting as ex officio sheriff, be entitled to an additional salary of \$200.00 per month, as
19 provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-137 of the O.C.G.A. There shall also
20 be paid to the tax commissioner, but not as personal funds of the tax commissioner, the
21 sum of \$210,800.00 per annum, to be paid in equal semimonthly installments for clerical
22 help necessary for the performance of the duties of said office. Said tax commissioner
23 shall be entitled to the commissions now allowed tax collectors on all state, professional,
24 and special taxes and on all taxes collected in excess of 90 percent of the total taxes due
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1 according to the ad valorem net digest, which total taxes due shall include, without being
2 limited to, those motor vehicle taxes listed in said digest. Said commissioner shall be
3 entitled to a commission of 10 percent of all collections in excess of 90 percent of the total
4 taxes due according to the tax net digest, and said commissioner's entitlement thereto shall
5 be unaffected by any salary limitation set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code
6 Section 48-5-180 of the O.C.G.A. Said tax commissioner shall also be entitled to the fees
7 now allowed tax commissioners for motor vehicle license tags and for certain motor
8 vehicle title transactions pursuant to Chapters 2 and 3 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A. Said tax
9 commissioner shall also be entitled to the commission now allowed tax collectors on
10 intangible taxes pursuant to Code Section 48-6-73 of the O.C.G.A. All commissions due
11 to said tax commissioner for school taxes, school bond taxes, and any and all other taxes
12 not hereinabove specifically mentioned shall be paid into the county treasury. All
13 allowances and salaries paid under this Act shall be paid directly by the county treasurer
14 to the person or persons performing such clerical help, and no person performing such
15 clerical help for the tax commissioner shall be related to said commissioner closer than the
16 fifth degree of consanguinity or affinity. In the event the maximum allowance for clerical
17 help is not needed for such purpose, then the unused portion thereof shall remain as part
18 of the general funds of the county."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2003.

21 **SECTION 3.**

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