

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 1577:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to abolish the present mode of compensating the judge of  
2 the Probate Court of Franklin County," approved March 26, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 4173), so  
3 as to change the method of computing such officer's salary; to provide for applicability; to  
4 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act entitled "An Act to abolish the present mode of compensating the judge of the  
7 Probate Court of Franklin County," approved March 26, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 4173), is  
8 amended by striking in its entirety Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
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"SECTION 2.

10 (a) The judge of the Probate Court of Franklin County shall be compensated as provided  
11 in this section.  
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13 (b) The person who was in office as such official on February 1, 2002, shall receive as a  
14 base salary the total amount which was being received by such official on February 1,  
15 2002, from county funds. If state employees are granted a cost-of-living increase by  
16 general Act of the General Assembly, the total compensation then being received by such  
17 official shall be increased effective on the same date and in the same percentage or amount  
18 as any such cost-of-living increase granted to state employees by such general Act. At the  
19 end of each complete four-year term of office served by such official which is completed  
20 after February 1, 2002, the total compensation then being received by such official shall  
21 be increased by 5 percent. If the base minimum salary amount provided by general law for  
22 a judge of the probate court of a county having the same population as Franklin County is  
23 increased on or after May 1, 2002, the total compensation then being received by the judge  
24 of the Probate Court of Franklin County shall be increased in the same amount and on the  
25 same effective date as the change in such base minimum salary contained in subsection (a)

1 of such Code section. This subsection shall be applicable only to the individual in office  
2 as such official on February 1, 2002. The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County,  
3 acting in its sole discretion, is authorized to supplement the compensation so established  
4 for such official in such amount as may be fixed by the board of commissioners.

5 (c) Any person elected or appointed to such office, other than the individual holding such  
6 office on February 1, 2002, shall be compensated in the amount established as minimum  
7 compensation for such office by the general laws of this state. The Board of  
8 Commissioners of Franklin County, acting in its sole discretion, is authorized to  
9 supplement the compensation so established for such official in such amount as may be  
10 fixed by the board of commissioners.

11 (d) All such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of  
12 Franklin County."

13 **SECTION 2.**

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

15 **SECTION 3.**

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