

House Bill 735

By: Representative Amerson of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Gilmer County, approved March 27,
2 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3824), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000
3 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3637), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the
4 chairperson and other members of said board of commissioners; to provide for persons to
5 preside in the absence of the chairperson; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a board of commissioners of Gilmer County, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga.
10 L. 1995, p. 3824), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000,
11 p. 3637), is amended by striking Section 3 thereof and inserting in its place the following:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 The chairperson of the board of commissioners shall be the chief administrative officer of
14 the county and shall devote his or her full time to the duties of the office. The members of
15 the board of commissioners other than the chairperson shall serve part time. The
16 chairperson shall receive an annual base salary equal to the minimum annual base salary
17 received by the sheriff of Gilmer County under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code
18 Section 15-16-20 of the O.C.G.A., increased by 10 percent of such amount, which
19 increased amount shall be the adjusted base salary. The members of the board of
20 commissioners, other than the chairperson, shall receive annual base salaries equal to 10
21 percent of the minimum annual base salary received by the sheriff of Gilmer County under
22 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-16-20 of the O.C.G.A. Those
23 commissioners' annual base salaries shall be increased by 10 percent of that base salary
24 amount, which increased amount shall be the adjusted base salaries. The adjusted base
25 salary for the chairperson and each commissioner shall be further increased by any

1 cost-of-living adjustment or general performance increase granted state employees and
2 shall be calculated under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-16-20 of the
3 O.C.G.A., which increased amount shall be the inflation adjusted base salary. That
4 inflation adjusted base salary shall be further increased by adding to it the product obtained
5 by multiplying that salary by the percentage which equals 5 percent times the number of
6 completed four-year terms of office that person served in any elected office after December
7 31, 2000, effective the first day of January following the completion of each such period
8 of service, except that, with regard to the chairperson, the inflation adjusted base salary
9 shall be further increased by adding to it the product obtained by multiplying that salary
10 by the percentage which equals 5 percent times the number of completed and partially
11 completed terms of office that chairperson served in any elected office after December 31,
12 2000, effective the first day of January following the completion of each such period of
13 service. The compensation provided by this section shall be payable in equal monthly
14 installments from the funds of Gilmer County. The county shall also provide all employee
15 benefits for commissioners in accordance with its policies. The compensation provided for
16 in this section shall constitute the entire compensation from the funds of Gilmer County to
17 which the chairperson and other members of the board of commissioners shall be entitled.
18 The chairperson and other commissioners shall not be entitled to any additional
19 compensation for serving on any other public board or public authority by virtue of their
20 office. The chairperson and members of the board of commissioners may be reimbursed
21 for reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. Such reimbursement
22 shall only be made after proper documentation has been provided to the county clerk upon
23 approval by a majority of the board at a regularly scheduled meeting."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 8 and inserting in its place
26 the following:

27 "(b) The chairperson of the board shall:

28 (1) Preside at all meetings of the board except that, in the chairperson's absence, the
29 senior in tenure commissioner shall preside, and shall vote the same as other members
30 of the board with the additional requirement that he or she should vote on all measures
31 before the board;

32 (2) Be recognized as the official head of Gilmer County by state, federal, and other
33 authorities for military and ceremonial functions;

34 (3) See that all laws and ordinances of the county are enforced; and

35 (4) Perform such other duties as may be required by the board."

1 **SECTION 3.**

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

4 **SECTION 4.**

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