

Senate Bill 288

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions applicable to sheriffs, so as to provide that the minimum annual
3 salary of a full-time deputy sheriff in any county of this state shall not be less than the
4 beginning salary of a correctional officer employed by the Department of Corrections; to
5 provide for construction; to provide for the effect of this Act on local legislation; to amend
6 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
7 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that the
8 minimum annual salary of a full-time law enforcement officer employed by a county or
9 municipal corporation of this state shall not be less than the beginning salary of a correctional
10 officer employed by the Department of Corrections; to provide for construction; to provide
11 for the effect of this Act on local legislation; to provide an effective date; to repeal
12 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

14 **SECTION 1.**

15 Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
16 general provisions applicable to sheriffs, is amended by adding between Code Sections
17 15-16-20.1 and 15-16-21 a new Code Section 15-16-20.2 to read as follows:

18 "15-16-20.2.

19 Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum annual salary of a full-time
20 deputy sheriff in any county of this state shall not be less than the beginning salary of a
21 correctional officer employed by the Department of Corrections. This Code section shall
22 not be construed to reduce the salary of any deputy sheriff employed in this state on
23 January 1, 2002. All local legislation, local ordinances, or civil service provisions
24 applicable to deputy sheriffs of the various counties of this state in effect on January 1,
25 2002, or enacted or promulgated thereafter, affecting compensation for deputy sheriffs shall

1 be of full force and effect except where the same provides for a salary lower than provided
2 in this Code section, in which event this Code section shall prevail."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
5 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding at the
6 end thereof a new Code Section 36-60-24 to read as follows:

7 "36-60-24.

8 Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum annual salary of a full-time
9 law enforcement officer employed by a county or municipal corporation of this state shall
10 not be less than the beginning salary of a correctional officer employed by the Department
11 of Corrections. This Code section shall not be construed to reduce the salary of any county
12 or municipal law enforcement officer employed by a county or municipal corporation on
13 January 1, 2002. All local legislation, local ordinances, or civil service provisions
14 applicable to county or municipal law enforcement officers in effect on January 1, 2002,
15 or enacted or promulgated thereafter, affecting compensation for county or municipal law
16 enforcement officers shall be of full force and effect except where the same provides for
17 a salary lower than provided in this Code section, in which event this Code section shall
18 prevail."

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2002.

21 **SECTION 4.**

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