

House Bill 881

By: Representatives Richardson of the 26<sup>th</sup> and Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, approved  
2 April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2916), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14,  
3 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4153), so as to provide for residency requirements; to change the  
4 compensation of the chairperson and members of the commission; to change the amount of  
5 purchases which the chairperson may make without commission approval and bids; to  
6 change the amount of purchases which the commission may make which do not require  
7 competitive bids; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, approved April 17, 1975  
12 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2916), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L.  
13 1997, p. 4153), is amended by striking Section 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof  
14 a new Section 3 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 3.

16 Election and term of commission members.

17 The county shall be divided into four districts numbered one through four as set forth in the  
18 description of districts attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified as  
19 'Operator: local Client: paulding Plan: pauld97b.' The commissioners shall have been  
20 residents of the districts which they seek to represent for the 12 months immediately  
21 preceding the date on which they qualify for office and shall continue to reside in such  
22 districts during their term of office. Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the  
23 contrary, the commissioners in office on the effective date of this Act shall continue to  
24 serve out the terms of office to which they were elected and until their successors are

1 elected and qualified. The chairperson and commissioners shall be elected for terms of  
2 four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The commissioner serving  
3 on the effective date of this Act whose term expires in 2000 shall continue to hold office  
4 until the term for which he or she was elected shall expire, and his or her successor shall  
5 be elected and qualified and shall be designated as the commissioner from Post 1  
6 representing District 1. The commissioners from Posts 2, 3, and 4 representing Districts  
7 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected to four-year terms at the general election in 1998 and shall serve  
8 until their successors are elected and qualified. The chairperson and the commissioner  
9 from Post 1 shall be elected to four-year terms in 2000 and shall serve until their successors  
10 are elected and qualified. Thereafter, all successors shall be elected at the general election  
11 immediately preceding the expiration of terms of office and shall take office on the first  
12 day of January immediately following their election for terms of four years and until their  
13 successors are elected and qualified."

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### **SECTION 2.**

15 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 8 in its entirety and  
16 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

17 "(a) The chairperson shall receive an annual salary of \$60,000.00. Beginning January 1,  
18 2002, the chairperson shall receive an annual salary of \$75,000.00. The other members of  
19 the commission designated as post commissioners shall each receive an annual salary of  
20 \$15,000.00. Beginning January 1, 2002, the post commissioners shall each receive an  
21 annual salary of \$18,500.00. All compensation provided for in this section shall be payable  
22 monthly and shall be paid from county funds. Except as otherwise provided in subsection  
23 (b) of this section, the compensation provided in this subsection shall constitute the entire  
24 compensation from all public sources to which the chairperson or either post commissioner  
25 shall be entitled. The chairperson and other commissioners shall not be entitled to any  
26 further compensation for serving on any boards or authorities by virtue of their office."

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### **SECTION 3.**

28 Said Act is further amended by striking paragraph (10) of Section 10 in its entirety and  
29 inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (10) to read as follows:

30 "(10) Make purchases for the county, without seeking approval of the commission and  
31 without obtaining bids, in amounts which do not exceed \$50,000.00, except as provided  
32 by general law with reference to the letting of public works contracts; and"

**SECTION 4.**

Said Act is further amended by striking paragraphs (18) and (19) of subsection (b) of Section 11 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new paragraphs (18) and (19) to read as follows:

"(18) To make purchases which do not exceed \$100,000.00, and which, in the discretion of its members, are deemed necessary for the operation of the county, except as provided by general law relating to letting of public works contracts.

(19) To make purchases in amounts over \$100,000.00; provided, however, that for any purchases in such amounts, advertisements for bids shall be first published for four consecutive weeks in the official organ of Paulding County. After said advertising has been published, formal, sealed bids must be obtained on all purchases in excess of \$100,000.00. Advertisement and the obtaining of formal, sealed bids may be dispensed with when, in the discretion of the commission, an emergency exists which will not permit a delay. In the event such an emergency is declared, the nature of the emergency and the reasons therefor shall be clearly set forth in the minutes of the commission."

**SECTION 5.**

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