

House Bill 908

By: Representative Byrd of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Appling County, approved
2 February 12, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 650), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating
3 to the compensation and expenses of the chairperson and members of the board of
4 commissioners; to provide for the power of the chairperson of the board of commissioners
5 to veto ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof; to provide for practices and procedures
6 connected with vetoes and the overriding thereof; to provide an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Appling County, approved February 12,
11 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 650), as amended, is amended by striking the second paragraph of
12 subsection (a) of Section 5 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

13 "Each of said commissioners, other than the chairperson, shall be paid as compensation for
14 his or her services as such commissioner a salary of \$600.00 per month. The chairperson
15 of the board of commissioners shall be paid as compensation for his or her services as
16 chairperson and commissioner a salary of \$800.00 per month. The chairperson and each
17 member of the board of commissioners shall also receive \$200.00 per month as
18 compensation for expenses. All such sums shall be paid out of the treasury of Appling
19 County. Such sums shall be full compensation for all services rendered as a county
20 commissioner of every kind whatever. It shall be unlawful for any commissioner to be
21 paid or receive any additional sum from Appling County for any services of any nature,
22 except the commissioners may be reimbursed from county funds for any reasonable
23 expenses incurred by them in making authorized trips outside the limits of the county on
24 county business."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by adding a new Section 5A to read as follows:

"SECTION 5A.

(a) Every ordinance and resolution adopted by the board of commissioners shall be presented promptly by the clerk of the board of commissioners to the chairperson of the board after its adoption.

(b) The chairperson of the board, within ten calendar days of receipt of an ordinance or resolution, shall return it to the clerk of the board of commissioners with or without the chairperson's approval or with the chairperson's disapproval. If the ordinance or resolution has been approved by the chairperson, it shall become law upon its return to the clerk; if the ordinance or resolution is neither approved nor disapproved, it shall become law at 12:00 Noon on the tenth calendar day after its adoption; if the ordinance or resolution is disapproved, the chairperson shall submit to the board of commissioners through the clerk a written statement of the reasons for the veto. The clerk shall record upon the ordinance or resolution the date of its delivery to and receipt from the chairperson.

(c) Ordinances and resolutions vetoed by the chairperson shall be presented by the clerk to the board of commissioners at their next meeting. If the board of commissioners then or at their next meeting adopt the ordinance or resolution by an affirmative vote of four members, it shall become law.

(d) The chairperson may disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriation in any ordinance. The approved part or parts of any ordinance making appropriations shall become law, and the part or parts disapproved shall not become law unless subsequently passed by the board of commissioners over the chairperson's veto as provided in this section. The reduced part or parts shall be presented to the board of commissioners as though disapproved and shall not become law unless overridden by the board of commissioners as provided in subsection (c) of this section."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2002.

SECTION 4.

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