

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Jones County, approved March 5,
2 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 2162), as amended, so as to provide for the duties and responsibilities
3 of the chairperson of the board; to provide for the full-time status and the compensation of
4 the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum election to
5 determine whether such change shall become effective; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Jones County, approved March 5, 1974 (Ga.
9 L. 1974, p. 2162), as amended, is amended by striking Section 8 and inserting in its place a
10 new Section 8 to read as follows:
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"SECTION 8.

12 The chairperson of the board shall receive as compensation the sum of \$65,000.00 per year
13 for his or her full-time service. The remaining members of the board shall receive as
14 compensation \$550.00 per month. Said members, including the chairperson, when traveling
15 outside the county on county business shall also receive travel expenses when traveling by
16 personal motor vehicle at the legal mileage rate authorized under Code Section 50-19-7 of
17 the O.C.G.A., as now or hereafter amended, and actual expenses for lodging and meals
18 upon submitting an itemized, verified account to the board and upon approval by a majority
19 of the members of the board. In addition, each member of the board, including the
20 chairperson, shall receive a monthly expense allowance of \$150.00. All such amounts shall
21 be paid from funds of Jones County."
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SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by striking Section 11 and inserting in its place a new Section 11 to read as follows:

"SECTION 11.

(a) The chairperson of the board of commissioners shall be full time and shall be the chief administrative officer of the county. The chairperson shall be responsible for all administrative activities of the board including, but not limited to, compiling the annual budget to cover all anticipated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing year, for the approval of the board; maintaining the county's financial records, signing checks, and disbursing all monetary allotments; examining claims against the county and making recommendations as to payment; maintaining budgetary control accounts, proprietary accounts, and property control records; preparing and issuing monthly budgetary reports of county operations; planning and preparing for meeting the financial needs of the county; conducting internal audits of county funds as approved by the commission; directing and supervising the administration of all county offices and functions; appointing and fixing the compensation of employees for whom the board of commissioners is responsible; and acting as purchasing agent for the county and entering into contracts on behalf of the county.

(b) The chairperson is authorized to employ an administrator to assist the chairperson with the duties set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The administrator shall be directed by the chairperson and shall be responsible to the chairperson. The administrator shall be appointed by the chairperson and shall have the qualifications and experience as required by the chairperson. The compensation of the administrator shall be set by the board of commissioners. He or she shall be removable at the pleasure of the chairperson."

SECTION 3.

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election superintendent of Jones County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Jones County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date of the March, 2004, presidential preference primary, if by any means possible, and on the date of the July, 2004, general primary if it is not possible to conduct the election on the date of the presidential preference primary. The superintendent shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Jones County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

