

House Bill 1112

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104th, Lucas of the 105th, and Parham of the 94th

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 the election of the chairperson
5 by special election rather than regular election in 2004 only; to provide for a referendum
6 election to determine whether such change in duties and status shall become effective; to
7 repeal 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 Jones County, approved March 5, 1974 (Ga.
11 L. 1974, p. 2162), as amended, is amended by striking Section 8 and inserting in its place a
12 new Section 8 to read as follows:

13 **"SECTION 8.**

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

1 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons
2 desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes
3 cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become
4 of full force and effect January 1, 2005. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not
5 conducted as provided in this section, then Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not become
6 effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately
7 following. The expense of such election shall be borne by Jones County. It shall be the
8 election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

9 **SECTION 4.**

10 In order that candidates for the office of chairperson may know the duties and status of the
11 office prior to qualifying, in only the year 2004 the office of chairperson of the board of
12 commissioners of Jones County shall be elected at a special election to be held on the date
13 of and in conjunction with the November, 2004, general election. There shall be no general
14 or special primary election for chairperson in 2004; and there shall be no qualifying for the
15 office of chairperson at the regular 2004 qualifying period. Qualifying for and conduct of the
16 special election at the time of the general election shall instead be as provided by the
17 provisions of the "Georgia Election Code" relating to a special election without a primary.

18 **SECTION 5.**

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