

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 1280:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to coroners, so as to provide for a minimum fee for
3 coroners compensated on a fee basis or a combination fee and salary basis; to provide for a
4 salary increase for coroners compensated on a salary basis or a combination fee and salary
5 basis; to provide that coroners shall be granted the same employment benefits provided to
6 county employees; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 general provisions relative to coroners, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new
12 Code Section 45-16-12 to read as follows:

13 "45-16-12.

14 (a) In any county in this state which utilizes a fee system of compensating the coroner, or
15 a combination fee and salary system, the fee paid by the county governing authority to the
16 coroner shall be no less than \$145.00.

17 (b) In any county in this state in which the coroner receives an annual salary, or a
18 combination fee and salary system, the annual salary paid to each coroner by each such
19 county's governing authority shall be increased by \$2,000.00. Such increase in annual
20 salary shall be payable from the funds of the county.

21 (c) The governing authority of each county shall provide and expend county funds for the
22 provision of employment benefits for the coroner which are identical to those provided for
23 full-time county employees."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 Pursuant to Code Section 1-3-4.1, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2005.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.