

House Bill 1819 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Crawford of the 91<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Pike County, approved October 31,  
2 1870 (Ga. L. 1870, p. 447), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998  
3 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3811), so as to clarify the duties, powers, and qualifications of the county  
4 manager; to provide for vacancies in the office of county manager; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Pike County, approved October 31, 1870 (Ga.  
9 L. 1870, p. 447), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998,  
10 p. 3811), is amended by striking Section 4.1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 **SECTION 4.1.**

12 (a) Pursuant to Code Section 36-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, there is  
13 created the position of county manager for Pike County. The county manager shall be the  
14 chief administrative officer and head of the administrative branch of the county  
15 government. The county manager shall be responsible for the efficient administration of  
16 all county departments.

17 (b) The county manager shall be appointed by a majority vote of the board of  
18 commissioners of Pike County, who shall determine and prescribe his or her compensation  
19 and term of office. Said board may contract with the county manager on such terms as it  
20 may deem reasonable and prudent. No member of the board of commissioners shall be  
21 appointed county manager on either a permanent or interim basis during the term of office  
22 for which he or she is elected or for a period of one year after terminating his or her office  
23 as a commissioner of Pike County.

24 (c) The county manager shall devote all of his or her working time and attention to the  
25 affairs of the county and shall be responsible to the board of commissioners for the efficient

1 administration of all of the affairs of the county over which the county manager has  
2 jurisdiction. The powers and duties of the county manager shall be:

3 (1) To see that all laws, county codes, and ordinances are enforced;

4 (2) To appoint all department heads with the approval of the board of commissioners;

5 (3) To appoint and remove all subordinate officers and employees in all departments;

6 (4) To exercise control over all departments and divisions created therein or which may  
7 hereafter be created by the commissioners;

8 (5) To attend all meetings of the commissioners with the right to take part in all  
9 discussions, but having no vote;

10 (6) To recommend to the commissioners for adoption such measures as he or she may  
11 deem necessary and expedient;

12 (7) To prepare and submit to the commissioners an annual budget;

13 (8) To keep the commissioners fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of  
14 the county;

15 (9) To supervise and direct the official conduct of all county officers and employees  
16 except as otherwise provided in this Act;

17 (10) The county manager shall not have the administrative or supervisory authority over  
18 the employees of the elected county officers of Pike County unless the board of  
19 commissioners of Pike County by ordinance implements a civil service system for county  
20 employees pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 36-1-21 of the O.C.G.A. and such  
21 county officer chooses to opt into the civil service system pursuant to the provisions of  
22 subsection (b) of Code Section 36-1-21 of the O.C.G.A.;

23 (11) To supervise the performance of all contracts made by any person for work done for  
24 the county and to make all purchases of material and supplies for the county and to see  
25 that the same are received as contracted for; and

26 (12) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed in this Act or required of the  
27 county manager by ordinance or resolution of the commissioners.

28 (d) In the event of a vacancy in the office of county manager, the board of commissioners  
29 shall expeditiously proceed with due diligence to appoint an interim county manager. In  
30 no such event shall the commission allow the office of county manager to remain vacant  
31 for a period in excess of four weeks from the date said office became vacant. Specifically,  
32 the commission shall at the least fill any vacancy in the office of county manager with an  
33 interim county manager within four weeks from the date of the vacancy. Further, the  
34 commission shall proceed to advertise for the permanent position of county manager at the  
35 first opportunity after the vacancy of the office of county manager.

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- SECTION 2.
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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.