

Senate Bill 193

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding local government, so as to provide that, if a county governing
3 authority provides group health, life, disability, and liability insurance, retirement or pension
4 coverage, social security and employment security coverage, and other similar or related
5 employment benefits for county employees, such benefits must be offered to the sheriff,
6 judge of probate court, clerk of superior court, tax receiver, tax collector, and tax
7 commissioner on the same terms and conditions as other county employees; to provide for
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
12 provisions regarding local government, is amended by revising Code Section 36-1-11.1,
13 relating to expenditure of funds for insurance and employment benefits, as follows:

14 "36-1-11.1.

15 (a) The governing authority of any county is authorized to provide, and to expend county
16 funds for the provision of, group health, life, disability, and liability insurance, retirement
17 or pension coverage, social security and employment security coverage, and other similar
18 or related employment benefits for members of the county governing authority and for
19 elected county officers and the personnel thereof, as well as for the dependents and
20 beneficiaries of such officials and personnel; provided, however, that no member of a
21 county governing authority may become vested in the provision of any retirement or
22 pension benefits authorized by this subsection until after the next general election in which
23 said official stands for reelection.

24 (b) In the event that a county governing authority provides group health, life, disability,
25 and liability insurance, retirement or pension coverage, social security and employment
26 security coverage, and other similar or related employment benefits to employees of the

1 county, such benefits shall be offered to the sheriff, judge of probate court, clerk of
2 superior court, tax receiver, tax collector, and tax commissioner on the same terms and
3 conditions as other county employees.

4 (b) (c) Any prior expenditure of county funds in the manner authorized by this Code
5 section is validated and confirmed; and no person shall be liable in any respect by reason
6 of his or her participation in any prior provision of the benefits authorized by this Code
7 section."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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