

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to SB 193:

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 insurance benefits for county employees, such benefits must
4 also be offered to the sheriff, judge of probate court, clerk of superior court, tax receiver, tax
5 collector, and tax commissioner on the same terms and conditions as other county
6 employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "36-1-11.1.

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

22 (b) In the event that a county governing authority provides group health insurance benefits
23 to employees of the county, such benefits shall also be offered to the sheriff, judge of
24 probate court, clerk of superior court, tax receiver, tax collector, and tax commissioner on
25 the same terms and conditions as other county employees.

