

House Bill 499 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Carter of the 159th, Bryant of the 160th, Gordon of the 162nd, and Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended by an Act approved April 21, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4446), so as to change the compensation of the judges of the recorder's court, judge of the probate court, judges of the juvenile court, judges of the state court, and judges of the magistrate court; to remove cost-of-living increases; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended by an Act approved April 21, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4446), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

"SECTION 1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each officer and official of Chatham County listed in this subsection shall receive a salary fixed by the governing authority of such county, provided that said salary for each officer shall not be less than the salary set forth as follows:

Tax commissioner	\$53,000.00 per annum
Sheriff	54,000.00 per annum
Clerk of superior court	56,000.00 per annum
Clerk of the state court	45,000.00 per annum,
	provided that if the
	clerk of the state court
	also serves as court
	administrator, such

officer shall receive an
 annual base salary to be
 fixed by the governing
 authority of the county
 at not less than
 \$60,000.00, payable in
 equal monthly
 installments from the
 funds of the county.

Coroner \$12,000.00 per annum

(b) Each officer and official of Chatham County listed in this subsection shall receive a salary fixed by the governing authority of such county, provided that said salary for each officer shall not be less than the salary set forth as follows:

Chief judge of the recorder's court An annual salary equal to the sum of 85 percent of the annual salary of a judge of superior court as paid by the state plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay to the chief judge of the recorder's court an additional salary supplement as additional compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than 85 percent of the salary supplement paid to the chief judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

Judge of the recorder's court An annual salary equal to the sum of 85 percent of the annual salary of a judge of superior court as paid by the state plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior

1 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
2 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
3 p. 4108.

4 Judge of the probate court An annual salary equal to the sum of 80
5 percent of the annual salary of a judge of
6 superior court as paid by the state plus 80
7 percent of the annual amount of any
8 supplement paid by the governing authority of
9 Chatham County to a judge of the superior
10 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
11 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
12 p. 4108.

13 Presiding judge of the juvenile court An annual salary equal to the sum of 90
14 percent of the annual salary of a judge of
15 superior court as paid by the state plus 90
16 percent of the annual amount of any
17 supplement paid by the governing authority of
18 Chatham County to a judge of the superior
19 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
20 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
21 p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority
22 of Chatham County shall pay to the presiding
23 judge of the juvenile court an additional salary
24 supplement as additional compensation for
25 performing the duties incumbent upon a
26 presiding judge of not less than 90 percent of
27 the salary supplement paid to the chief judge
28 of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga.
29 L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

30 Judge of the juvenile court An annual salary equal to the sum of 90
31 percent of the annual salary of a judge of
32 superior court as paid by the state plus 90
33 percent of the annual amount of any
34 supplement paid by the governing authority of
35 Chatham County to a judge of the superior
36 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge

1 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
2 p. 4108.

3 Chief judge of the state court An annual salary equal to the sum of 95
4 percent of the annual salary of a judge of
5 superior court as paid by the state plus 95
6 percent of the annual amount of any
7 supplement paid by the governing authority of
8 Chatham County to a judge of the superior
9 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
10 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
11 p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority
12 of Chatham County shall pay to the chief
13 judge of the state court an additional salary
14 supplement as additional compensation for
15 performing the duties incumbent upon a chief
16 judge of not less than 95 percent of the salary
17 supplement paid to the chief judge of the
18 Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L.
19 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

20 Judge of the state court An annual salary equal to the sum of 95
21 percent of the annual salary of a judge of
22 superior court as paid by the state plus 95
23 percent of the annual amount of any
24 supplement paid by the governing authority of
25 Chatham County to a judge of the superior
26 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
27 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
28 p. 4108.

29 Chief magistrate of the magistrate court . An annual salary equal to the sum of 80
30 percent of the annual salary of a judge of
31 superior court as paid by the state plus 80
32 percent of the annual amount of any
33 supplement paid by the governing authority of
34 Chatham County to a judge of the superior
35 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge
36 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,

p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay to the chief magistrate of the magistrate court an additional salary supplement as additional compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than 80 percent of the salary supplement paid to the chief judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

Magistrates of the magistrate court An annual salary equal to the sum of 80 percent of the annual salary of a judge of superior court as paid by the state plus 80 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108.

(c) The governing authority of Chatham County shall grant each officer and official listed in subsection (a) of this section the same percentage increases in salary that it grants as cost-of-living increases to employees of Chatham County. Such increases shall be granted at the same time cost-of-living increases are granted to county employees."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

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