

House Bill 1491

By: Representatives Lewis of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act placing the coroner of Bartow County upon an annual salary, approved  
2 March 17, 1960 (Ga. Laws 1960, p. 2731), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 April 6, 1981 (Ga. Laws 1981, p. 3952), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to  
4 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act placing the coroner of Bartow County upon an annual salary, approved March 17,  
8 1960 (Ga. Laws 1960, p. 2731), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 6, 1981  
9 (Ga. Laws 1981, p. 3952), is hereby amended by revising Section 1 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 1.

11 (a) (1) The compensation of the coroner of Bartow County, which is now based on a fee  
12 system, is hereby abolished and the salary of the coroner of Bartow County shall be  
13 \$15,000.00 per annum to be paid in equal monthly installments from county funds.

14 (2) The coroner shall also receive an annual cost-of-living increase as follows: on the  
15 first day of January of each year, beginning in 2009, the base salary of the coroner shall  
16 be increased by 4 percent. For the purposes of this section only, the 'base salary' of the  
17 coroner shall be computed at \$15,000.00 on January 1, 2009, and thereafter shall be  
18 computed at \$15,000.00 plus any cost-of-living increases which have been received by  
19 the person serving as coroner.

20 (3) In addition to the compensation provided in paragraphs (1) and (2), the governing  
21 authority of Bartow County, in its reasonable discretion, may reimburse to the coroner  
22 all or any part of his expenses incurred with respect to his official duties.

23 (4) All fees, commissions, costs, and other perquisites collected by the coroner shall be  
24 the property of Bartow County and once each month shall be turned over to the fiscal

1 authority of said county with a detailed, itemized statement showing the sources from  
2 which such fees, commissions, costs, and other perquisites were collected.  
3 (b) The coroner is authorized to appoint a deputy coroner to serve at the discretion of the  
4 coroner. The compensation and expenses of the deputy coroner, if any, shall be determined  
5 within the reasonable discretion of the governing authority of Bartow County and shall be  
6 paid out of county funds. The deputy coroner shall meet the same qualifications required  
7 of the coroner."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which  
10 it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

11 **SECTION 3.**

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