

House Bill 1494

By: Representative Williams of the 178th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act incorporating the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, approved
2 March 24, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1397), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April
3 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4189), and an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4210),
4 so as to create the office of county manager; to prescribe powers and duties; to provide that
5 the chairperson of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners shall serve on a part-time
6 basis; to provide for a salary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
7 for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act incorporating the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, approved March 24,
11 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1397), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14, 1997
12 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4189), and an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4210), is
13 amended by revising Section 7 as follows:

14 **"SECTION 7.**

15 The chairperson of the board of commissioners shall serve on a part-time basis and shall
16 receive a salary in the amount of \$18,000.00."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 13 as follows:

19 **"SECTION 13.**

20 (a) Pursuant to Code Section 36-5-22 of the O.C.G.A., there is created the office of county
21 manager for Pierce County. The county manager shall be the chief administrative officer
22 and head of the administrative branch of the county government. The county manager shall
23 be responsible for the efficient administration of all county departments.

24 (b) The county manager shall be appointed by a majority vote of the board of
25 commissioners of Pierce County who shall determine and prescribe his or her
26 compensation and term of office. Said board of commissioners may contract with the
27 county manager on such terms as it may deem reasonable and prudent. No member of the
28 board of commissioners shall be appointed county manager on either a permanent or
29 interim basis during the term of office for which he or she is elected or for a period of one
30 year after terminating his or her office as a commissioner of Pierce County.

31 (c) The county manager shall devote all of his or her working time and attention to the
32 affairs of the county and shall be responsible to the board of commissioners for the efficient
33 administration of all of the affairs of the county over which the county manager has
34 jurisdiction. The powers and duties of the county manager shall be:

- 35 (1) To see that all laws, county codes, and ordinances are enforced;
- 36 (2) To appoint all department heads with the approval of the board of commissioners;
- 37 (3) To appoint and remove all subordinate officers and employees in all departments;
- 38 (4) To exercise control over all departments and divisions created therein or which may
39 hereafter be created by the board of commissioners;
- 40 (5) To attend all meetings of the board of commissioners with the right to take part in all
41 discussions but having no vote;
- 42 (6) To recommend to the board of commissioners such measures for adoption which he
43 or she may deem necessary and expedient;
- 44 (7) To prepare and submit to the board of commissioners an annual budget;
- 45 (8) To keep the board of commissioners fully advised as to the financial condition and
46 needs of the county;
- 47 (9) To supervise and direct the official conduct of all county officers and employees
48 except as otherwise provided in this Act;
- 49 (10) To supervise the performance of all contracts made by any person for work done for
50 the county, to make all purchases of materials and supplies for the county, and to see that
51 the same are received as contracted for; and
- 52 (11) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed in this Act or required of the
53 county manager by ordinance or resolution of the board of commissioners.

54 (d) In the event of a vacancy in the office of county manager, the board of commissioners
55 shall expeditiously proceed with due diligence to appoint an interim county manager. In
56 no such event shall the board of commissioners allow the office of county manager to
57 remain vacant for a period in excess of four weeks from the date said office became vacant.
58 Specifically, the board of commissioners shall, at the least, fill any vacancy in the office
59 of county manager with an interim county manager within four weeks from the date of
60 vacancy. Furthermore, the board of commissioners shall advertise for the permanent

61 position of county manager at the first opportunity upon vacancy of the office of county
62 manager."

63 **SECTION 3.**

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