

House Bill 911 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Channell of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Kidd of the 141<sup>st</sup>, and Hudson of the 124<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for compensation for the judge of the state court of Putnam  
2 County, the solicitor of the State Court of Putnam County, and the clerk of the State Court  
3 of Putnam County, approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3723), so as to change the  
4 compensation for the judge of the State Court of Putnam County, the solicitor-general of the  
5 State Court of Putnam County, the clerk of the State Court of Putnam County, and the sheriff  
6 of Putnam County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 An Act to provide for compensation for the judge of the state court of Putnam County, the  
11 solicitor of the State Court of Putnam County, and the clerk of the State Court of Putnam  
12 County, approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3723), is amended by revising Section 1 as  
13 follows:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 (a) The judge of the state court of Putnam County shall be a part-time judge within the  
16 meaning of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. and shall be paid an annual salary of  
17 \$54,000.00. Health insurance, retirement, and deferred compensation benefits currently  
18 in place on the effective date of this section and being paid to such state court judge shall  
19 remain in place. Such salary, which may also be supplemented by the governing authority  
20 of Putnam County, shall be payable out of the funds of Putnam County at the same  
21 intervals as installments are paid to other county employees. This amount of compensation  
22 shall be increased by multiplying such amounts by the percentage which equals five times  
23 the number of completed four-year terms of office served by any judge following  
24 December 31, 2008, effective the first day of January, 2013, following the completion of  
25 each such period of service.

26 (b) The solicitor-general of the state court of Putnam County shall be a part-time  
27 solicitor-general within the meaning of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. and shall  
28 be paid an annual salary of \$54,000.00. Health insurance, retirement, and deferred  
29 compensation benefits currently in place on the effective date of this section and being paid  
30 to the solicitor-general shall remain in place. Such salary, which may also be  
31 supplemented by the governing authority of Putnam County, shall be payable out of the  
32 funds of Putnam County at the same intervals as installments are paid to other county  
33 employees. The salary of the solicitor-general shall be an expense of such court and  
34 payable out of the county treasury as such. This amount of compensation shall be  
35 increased by multiplying such amounts by the percentage which equals five times the  
36 number of completed four-year terms of office served by any solicitor-general following  
37 December 31, 2008, effective the first day of January, 2013, following the completion of  
38 each such period of service.

39 (c) The clerk of superior court of Putnam County shall be, by virtue of his or her office and  
40 authority bestowed by Chapters 6 and 7 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., the clerk of the state  
41 court of Putnam County, and the sheriff of Putnam County shall be, by virtue of his or her  
42 office and authority bestowed by Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., the sheriff of the  
43 state court of Putnam County. Each shall, on behalf of the county and as an expense of  
44 court, receive compensation for services in such courts as entitled by Chapters 6, 7, and 16,  
45 respectively, of the O.C.G.A. The minimum compensation for the clerk of state court shall  
46 be an annual base salary of \$4,800.00 and the minimum compensation for the sheriff shall  
47 be an annual base salary of \$4,800.00, each to be paid in equal monthly installments from  
48 the funds of the county. This compensation shall be in addition to any other compensation  
49 or supplement. The clerk of the state court shall have all authority bestowed upon him or  
50 her by Chapters 6 and 7 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. The clerk shall also supply all of the  
51 necessary personnel, equipment, supplies, and materials for the proper functioning of the  
52 state court, and the sheriff shall provide those services to the state court as are provided to  
53 the superior court of Putnam County. All of the expenditures authorized in this subsection  
54 are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury as such.

55 (d) On and after January 1, 2013, whenever the employees in the classified service of the  
56 state merit system receive a cost-of-living increase or general performance based increase  
57 of a specified percentage or a specified amount, the amount of the salaries in  
58 subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall be increased by the same percentage or the  
59 same amount applicable to such state employees. If the cost-of-living increase or general  
60 performance based increase received by state employees is in different percentages or  
61 different amounts as to certain categories of employees, such salaries shall be increased by  
62 a percentage or an amount not to exceed the average percentage or average amount of the

63 general increase in salary granted to the state employees. Such increase in the salaries in  
64 subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall become effective on the first day of  
65 January following the date that the cost-of-living increases become effective for state  
66 employees; provided, however, that, if the cost-of-living increases for state employees  
67 become effective on January 1, the increase in such salaries shall become effective on the  
68 same date."

69 **SECTION 2.**

70 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

71 **SECTION 3.**

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