

House Bill 578

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide that certain officials of Columbia County who have served at  
2 least 15 years in office may, upon leaving office, continue to participate in the county health  
3 insurance program by paying the total cost of such participation, approved May 17, 2004  
4 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4471), as amended, so as to revise the time for vesting in such program; to  
5 provide for related matters; to provide for intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide that certain officials of Columbia County who have served at least 15  
10 years in office may, upon leaving office, continue to participate in the county health  
11 insurance program by paying the total cost of such participation, approved May 17, 2004  
12 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4471), as amended, is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 Members of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County; the Clerk of the Superior  
15 Court of Columbia County; the Judge of the Probate Court of Columbia County; the Sheriff  
16 of Columbia County; the Tax Receiver, Tax Collector, and Tax Commissioner of Columbia  
17 County; the Coroner of Columbia County; and the Chief Magistrate of Columbia County  
18 shall be entitled after leaving office to continue to participate in and be covered by the  
19 health insurance plan provided by the county for county officers and employees, provided  
20 that such officer must have served at least eight years in such office and pay the total costs  
21 of such participation including both the employee and employer premiums associated with  
22 such participation. Such participation in the health insurance plan shall include coverage  
23 for the officer leaving office as well as the officer's spouse and dependents."

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**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.