

Senate Bill 172

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd and Hill of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4104), and an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), so as to change the compensation of the clerk of the superior court; to change the salary of the deputy clerk of the superior court; to provide for an executive assistant and an executive secretary; to provide for the appointment, qualifications, and salaries of such positions; 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 changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4104), and an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

"SECTION 4

(a) The clerk of the superior court shall receive an annual salary of \$128,104.74 to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds in the county treasury.

(b) The clerk of the superior court shall be allowed a deputy clerk whose annual salary shall be \$101,252.71 to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds in the county treasury. Any candidate for the office of clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County shall, on the date of his or her qualification for such office in either a primary or general election, certify to the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County the name of the person he or she shall appoint as deputy clerk in the event he or she is elected to the office of clerk; and the person so named and certified by the successful candidate for such office shall serve as the

deputy clerk during the term for which he or she was so named. In the event of the death or removal from office of said deputy clerk, the clerk of the superior court shall have 30 days from said date of death or removal from office of said deputy clerk to certify to the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County the name of the new deputy clerk to be appointed. In addition to said deputy clerk, the clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County shall be authorized and empowered to employ the clerical help necessary to perform properly the functions and duties of the office, provided that the number of employees and salaries or other compensation to be paid to each shall first be approved by the governing authority of Cobb County.

(c) The clerk of the superior court shall be allowed an executive assistant and an executive secretary appointed by and under the direct supervision of the clerk of the superior court. The persons so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the clerk. The clerk of the superior court shall establish the qualifications, education, and experience necessary for appointment to such positions. The salary of the executive assistant shall be \$62,330.99 per annum, and the salary of the executive secretary shall be \$57,536.29 per annum, both paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb County."

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.