

House Bill 675

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroner of Gilmer County; to provide  
2 for the payment of expenses; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 (a) The coroner of Gilmer County shall receive an annual salary in the amount of \$18,100.00  
7 payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of Gilmer County.  
8 (b) The deputy coroner of Gilmer County shall receive an annual salary in the amount of  
9 \$6,000.00 payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of Gilmer County.  
10 (c) No death investigation fee shall be imposed upon Gilmer County by such salaried  
11 coroner or deputy coroner, pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 45-16-27 of the  
12 O.C.G.A.

13 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

14 The necessary operating expenses of the coroner's office shall be paid from any funds of the  
15 county available for such purpose. All supplies, materials, furnishings, furniture, utilities,  
16 and equipment, and the repair, replacement, and maintenance thereof, as may be reasonably  
17 required in discharging the official duties of said office, shall be furnished by the county and  
18 shall be paid from any funds of the county available for such purpose. The determination of  
19 such requirements shall be at the sole discretion of the governing authority of Gilmer County.

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

21 In addition to compensation provided for in Section 1 of this Act, the coroner shall be  
22 reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses, including expenses for lodging and meals,  
23 incurred by such officer in carrying out his or her official duties within and outside the  
24 county, but within the state, including attendance at seminars or training required pursuant

25 to Code Section 45-16-66 of the O.C.G.A.; provided, however, that the coroner shall be  
26 required to submit to the board of commissioners of Gilmer County an itemized, verified  
27 account of any such expenses; and provided, further, that the coroner shall not be reimbursed  
28 more than \$1,800.00 per annum for actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out  
29 his or her duties. When using his or her personal automobile in traveling on official business  
30 outside the county, the coroner shall be reimbursed for travel expenses at the same legal  
31 mileage rate authorized under Code Section 50-19-7 of the O.C.G.A., as now or hereafter  
32 amended. All expenses provided for in this section shall be paid from the funds of Gilmer  
33 County. Expenses provided for in this section are in addition to any operating expenses  
34 provided for in Section 2 of this Act.

35 **SECTION 4.**

36 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

37 **SECTION 5.**

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