

The House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 669:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County,
2 approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4351), so as to provide for the compensation of
4 certain Chatham County officials; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved
8 March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May
9 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4351), is amended in Section 1 by revising subsection (b) as
10 follows:

11 "(b) The officers subject to the provisions of this Act shall receive the following
12 compensation:

13 (1)(A) The judge of the probate court shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum
14 of 80 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court provided in Code
15 Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 80 percent of the annual amount of any
16 supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the
17 superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to
18 Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108.

19 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, the judge of the probate
20 court shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of
21 \$800.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall
22 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This
23 subparagraph shall apply to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

24 (2)(A) The chief judge of the state court shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum
25 of 95 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code
26 Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 95 percent of the annual amount of any

27 supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the
28 superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to
29 Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay
30 to the chief judge of the state court an additional salary supplement as additional
31 compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than
32 95 percent of the salary supplement paid to the chief judge of the Eastern Judicial
33 Circuit.

34 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, the chief judge of the
35 state court shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of
36 \$950.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall
37 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This
38 subparagraph shall apply to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

39 (3)(A) The judges of the state court shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum of
40 95 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code
41 Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 95 percent of the annual amount of any
42 supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the
43 superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to
44 Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108.

45 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, each judge of the state
46 court shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of
47 \$950.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall
48 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This
49 subparagraph shall apply to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

50 (4)(A) The chief magistrate shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum of 85
51 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code Section
52 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid
53 by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court,
54 excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
55 p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay to the chief
56 magistrate of the magistrate court an additional salary supplement as additional
57 compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than
58 80 percent of the salary supplement paid to the Chief Judge of the Eastern Judicial
59 Circuit.

60 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, the chief magistrate
61 shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of \$850.00,
62 provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall be

63 automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This subparagraph
64 shall apply to terms served after January 1, 2016.

65 (5)(A) Each full-time magistrate shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum of 85
66 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code Section
67 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid
68 by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court,
69 excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,
70 p. 4108.

71 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, each full-time
72 magistrate shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of
73 \$850.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall
74 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This
75 subparagraph shall apply to terms served after January 1, 2016.

76 (6) The presiding judge of the juvenile court and the judges of the juvenile court shall
77 be compensated as provided in Code Section 15-11-52 of the O.C.G.A.

78 (b) The annual compensation provided in subsection (a) of this Act shall be paid in equal
79 monthly installments. No provision of this Act shall be applied so as to reduce the
80 compensation of any officer during a term of office."

81 **SECTION 2.**

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