

Senate Bill 241

By: Senator Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

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 style="text-align:center">**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 by revising Section 1 as follows:

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

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

13 (1) The tax commissioner shall receive the minimum annual salary provided by Code  
14 Section 48-5-183 of the O.C.G.A. and a salary supplement in the amount of \$18,318.00  
15 per year.

16 (2) The clerk of the superior court shall receive the minimum annual salary provided by  
17 Code Section 15-6-88 of the O.C.G.A. and a salary supplement in the amount of  
18 \$18,318.00 per year.

19 (3) The sheriff shall receive the minimum annual salary provided by Code Section  
20 15-16-20 of the O.C.G.A. and a salary supplement in the amount of \$25,241.00 per year.

21 (4) The coroner shall receive the minimum annual salary provided by Code Section  
22 45-16-11 of the O.C.G.A. and a salary supplement in the amount of \$54,000.00 per year.

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

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

28 **"SECTION 1.1.**29 (a) The officers subject to the provisions of this Act shall receive the following  
30 compensation:31 (1)(A) The judge of the probate court shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum  
32 of 80 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court provided in Code  
33 Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 80 percent of the annual amount of any  
34 supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the  
35 superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to  
36 Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108.37 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, the judge of the probate  
38 court shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of  
39 \$800.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall  
40 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This  
41 subparagraph shall apply to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016.42 (2)(A) The chief judge of the state court shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum  
43 of 95 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code  
44 Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 95 percent of the annual amount of any  
45 supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the  
46 superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to  
47 Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay  
48 to the chief judge of the state court an additional salary supplement as additional  
49 compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than  
50 95 percent of the salary supplement paid to the chief judge of the Eastern Judicial  
51 Circuit.52 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, the chief judge of the  
53 state court shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of  
54 \$950.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall  
55 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This  
56 subparagraph shall apply to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016.57 (3)(A) The judges of the state court shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum of  
58 95 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code  
59 Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 95 percent of the annual amount of any  
60 supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the

61 superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to  
62 Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108.

63 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, each judge of the state  
64 court shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of  
65 \$950.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall  
66 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This  
67 subparagraph shall apply to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

68 (4)(A) The chief magistrate shall receive an annual salary equal to the sum of 85  
69 percent of the annual salary of a judge of the superior court as provided in Code Section  
70 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid  
71 by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court,  
72 excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
73 p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay to the chief  
74 magistrate of the magistrate court an additional salary supplement as additional  
75 compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than  
76 80 percent of the salary supplement paid to the Chief Judge of the Eastern Judicial  
77 Circuit.

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

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

89 (B) For each four-year term following the initial term of office, each full-time  
90 magistrate shall be entitled to an increase in his or her annual salary in the amount of  
91 \$850.00, provided that such longevity increase and any cost of living adjustment shall  
92 be automatically reduced to reflect an increase provided in general law. This  
93 subparagraph shall apply to terms served after January 1, 2016.

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

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

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**SECTION 3.**

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