

## House Bill 407

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff,  
2 and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system,  
3 approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act  
4 approved April 28, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3899), so as to change the salary of the clerk of the  
5 superior court, the deputy clerk, the executive assistant, and the executive secretary; to  
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the  
10 judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system,  
11 approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act  
12 approved April 28, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3899), is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

13 "SECTION 4.

14 (a)(1) The clerk of superior court shall receive a minimum annual salary as provided by  
15 Code Section 15-6-88 of the O.C.G.A., plus a supplement equal to one-half of the annual  
16 supplement a judge of the Superior Court of the Cobb Judicial Circuit receives, to be paid  
17 in equal monthly installments from county funds.

18 (2) In addition to the compensation provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the  
19 clerk of superior court shall be entitled to any other compensation or salary increase as  
20 provided for by law, including, but not limited to, any cost-of-living increase or merit  
21 increase provided to county employees and any increase for being reelected to serve a  
22 new four-year term as clerk.

23 (b) The clerk of superior court shall be allowed a deputy clerk whose annual salary shall  
24 be \$107,418.99 to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds in the county  
25 treasury. In addition to the compensation provided for in this subsection, the deputy clerk

26 shall be entitled to any cost-of-living increase or merit increase provided to county  
27 employees.

28 (c) The clerk of superior court shall be allowed an executive assistant and an executive  
29 secretary appointed by and under the direct supervision of the clerk of the superior court.  
30 The persons so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the clerk. The clerk of the superior  
31 court shall establish the qualifications, education, and the experience necessary for  
32 appointment to such positions. The salary of the executive assistant shall be \$66,126.94  
33 per annum, and the salary of the executive secretary shall be \$61,040.25 per annum, both  
34 paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb County. In addition to the  
35 compensation provided for in this subsection, the executive assistant and executive  
36 secretary shall be entitled to any cost-of-living increase or merit increase provided to  
37 county employees."

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## **SECTION 2.**

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