

House Bill 589 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th and Kirby of the 114th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act placing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the judge of the
2 probate court, and the coroner of Walton County on a salary basis in lieu of a fee basis,
3 approved February 11, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 2056), as amended, particularly by an Act
4 approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3819), so as to change the compensation of the
5 coroner; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act placing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the judge of the probate
9 court, and the coroner of Walton County on a salary basis in lieu of a fee basis, approved
10 February 11, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 2056), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
11 March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3819), is amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 2
12 as follows:

13 "(c)(1) The coroner of Walton County shall be compensated in the amount of \$28,470.00
14 per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments from funds of Walton County,
15 subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection.

16 (2) The amount provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be increased by the
17 amount which equals 5 percent of the number of completed four-year terms of office
18 served by the coroner after January 1, 2017, effective the first day of January following
19 the completion of each such term of office.

20 (3) Whenever the state employees subject to compensation plans authorized and
21 approved in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 45-20-4 receive a cost-of-living increase
22 or general performance based increase of a certain percentage or a certain amount after
23 January 1, 2017, the amount fixed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, or the amount
24 derived by increasing said amount through the application of longevity increases pursuant
25 to paragraph (2) of this subsection, shall be increased by the same percentage or same
26 amount applicable to such state employees. If the cost-of-living increase or general

27 performance based increase received by state employees is in different percentages or
28 different amounts as to certain categories of employees, the amount fixed in paragraph (1)
29 of this subsection, or the amount derived through the application of longevity increases,
30 shall be increased by a percentage or an amount not to exceed the average percentage or
31 average amount of the general increase in salary granted to the state employees. The
32 periodic changes in the amount fixed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, or the amount
33 derived through the application of longevity increases, as authorized by this paragraph,
34 shall become effective on the first day of January following the date that the
35 cost-of-living increases received by state employees become effective; provided,
36 however, that if the cost-of-living increases or general performance based increases
37 received by state employees become effective on January 1, such periodic changes in the
38 amount fixed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, or the amount derived through the
39 application of longevity increases, as authorized by this paragraph, shall become effective
40 on the same date that the cost-of-living increases or general performance based increases
41 received by state employees becomes effective.

42 (4) A deputy coroner who performs services in place of the coroner shall be compensated
43 via investigation fees established in O.C.G.A. Section 45-16-27."

44 **SECTION 2.**

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