

Senate Bill 430

By: Senators Brass of the 28th and Jones of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 15, Chapter 2 of Title 21, and Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, primaries and elections generally, and ad valorem
3 taxation of property, respectively, so as to modify the compensation of various local
4 government officials; to provide a salary increase for various local government officials; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising
9 subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-88, relating to minimum annual salary schedule for
10 clerks of superior court, as follows:

11 "(a)(1) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum annual
12 salary of each clerk of the superior court in each county of this state shall be fixed
13 according to the population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the
14 United States decennial census of ~~2000~~ 2010 or any future such census; provided,
15 however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a census year
16 in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate for the
17 county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding
18 decennial census. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section,
19 each such clerk shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments
20 from the funds of the county, of not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
21	0 - 5,999	\$ 29,832.20 <u>\$ 33,882.52</u>
22	6,000 - 11,889	40,967.92 <u>46,530.13</u>
23	11,890 - 19,999	46,408.38 <u>52,709.25</u>
24	20,000 - 28,999	49,721.70 <u>56,472.42</u>
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26	29,000 - 38,999	53,035.03	<u>60,235.60</u>
27	39,000 - 49,999	56,352.46	<u>64,003.43</u>
28	50,000 - 74,999	63,164.60	<u>71,740.46</u>
29	75,000 - 99,999	67,800.09	<u>77,005.31</u>
30	100,000 - 149,999	72,434.13	<u>82,268.51</u>
31	150,000 - 199,999	77,344.56	<u>87,845.63</u>
32	200,000 - 249,999	84,458.82	<u>95,925.79</u>
33	250,000 - 299,999	91,682.66	<u>104,130.41</u>
34	300,000 - 399,999	101,207.60	<u>114,948.56</u>
35	400,000 - 499,999	105,316.72	<u>119,615.54</u>
36	500,000 or more	109,425.84	<u>124,282.59</u>

37 (2) Effective January 1, 2021, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding,
 38 the minimum annual salary of each clerk of the superior court in each county of this state
 39 shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which he or she serves, as
 40 determined by the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census;
 41 provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a
 42 census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate
 43 for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding
 44 decennial census. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section,
 45 each such clerk shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments
 46 from the funds of the county, of not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
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48	<u>0 - 5,999</u>	<u>\$ 35,576.65</u>
49	<u>6,000 - 11,889</u>	<u>48,856.64</u>
50	<u>11,890 - 19,999</u>	<u>55,334.71</u>
51	<u>20,000 - 28,999</u>	<u>59,296.04</u>
52	<u>29,000 - 38,999</u>	<u>63,247.38</u>
53	<u>39,000 - 49,999</u>	<u>67,203.60</u>
54	<u>50,000 - 74,999</u>	<u>75,327.48</u>
55	<u>75,000 - 99,999</u>	<u>80,855.58</u>
56	<u>100,000 - 149,999</u>	<u>86,381.94</u>
57	<u>150,000 - 199,999</u>	<u>92,237.91</u>
58	<u>200,000 - 249,999</u>	<u>100,722.07</u>
59	<u>250,000 - 299,999</u>	<u>109,336.93</u>
60	<u>300,000 - 399,999</u>	<u>120,695.98</u>

61	<u>400,000 - 499,999</u>	<u>125,596.21</u>
62	<u>500,000 or more</u>	<u>130,496.71"</u>

SECTION 2.

64 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-6-89, relating to additional
65 remuneration for certain services of clerks of superior courts, as follows:

66 "15-6-89.

67 In addition to the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-6-88 or any other salary
68 provided by any applicable general or local law, each clerk of superior court of any county
69 who also serves as clerk of a state court, court classified as a municipal court but funded
70 through appropriations of the county governing authority, juvenile court, or civil court
71 under any applicable general or local law of this state or who performs duties pursuant to
72 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-12-1.1 shall receive for his or her
73 services in such other court a salary of not less than ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month, to be paid
74 from the funds of the county. In the event any such court for which a clerk of superior
75 court is serving as clerk is abolished, the clerk of superior court shall not be entitled to any
76 salary heretofore received for service in such court."

SECTION 3.

78 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-9-63, relating to
79 schedule of minimum salaries of judges of the probate court, as follows:

80 "(a)(1) Any other ~~laws~~ provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum
81 annual salary of each judge of the probate court in this state shall be fixed according to
82 the population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the United States
83 decennial census of ~~2000~~ 2010 or any future such census; provided, however, that such
84 annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a census year in which the
85 Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate for the county prior to
86 July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding decennial census. Each
87 such judge of the probate court shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly
88 installments from the funds of ~~his or her~~ the county, of not less than the amount fixed in
89 the following schedule:

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
90	0 - 5,999	\$ 29,832.20 <u>\$ 33,882.52</u>
91	6,000 - 11,889	40,967.92 <u>46,530.13</u>
92	11,890 - 19,999	46,408.38 <u>52,709.25</u>
93	20,000 - 28,999	49,721.70 <u>56,472.42</u>
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95	29,000 - 38,999	53,035.03	<u>60,235.60</u>
96	39,000 - 49,999	56,352.46	<u>64,003.43</u>
97	50,000 - 74,999	63,164.60	<u>71,740.46</u>
98	75,000 - 99,999	67,800.09	<u>77,005.31</u>
99	100,000 - 149,999	72,434.13	<u>82,268.51</u>
100	150,000 - 199,999	77,344.56	<u>87,845.63</u>
101	200,000 - 249,999	84,458.82	<u>95,925.79</u>
102	250,000 - 299,999	91,682.66	<u>104,130.41</u>
103	300,000 - 399,999	101,207.60	<u>114,948.56</u>
104	400,000 - 499,999	105,316.72	<u>119,615.57</u>
105	500,000 or more	109,425.84	<u>124,282.59</u>

106 (1.1) Effective January 1, 2021, any other provision of law to the contrary
 107 notwithstanding, the minimum annual salary of each judge of the probate court in this
 108 state shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which he or she serves,
 109 as determined by the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census;
 110 provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a
 111 census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate
 112 for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding
 113 decennial census. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section,
 114 each such judge of the probate court shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal
 115 monthly installments from the funds of the county, of not less than the amount fixed in
 116 the following schedule:

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
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118	<u>0 - 5,999</u>	<u>\$ 35,576.62</u>
119	<u>6,000 - 11,889</u>	<u>48,856.64</u>
120	<u>11,890 - 19,999</u>	<u>55,344.71</u>
121	<u>20,000 - 28,999</u>	<u>59,296.04</u>
122	<u>29,000 - 38,999</u>	<u>63,247.38</u>
123	<u>39,000 - 49,999</u>	<u>67,203.61</u>
124	<u>50,000 - 74,999</u>	<u>75,327.48</u>
125	<u>75,000 - 99,999</u>	<u>80,855.57</u>
126	<u>100,000 - 149,999</u>	<u>86,381.94</u>
127	<u>150,000 - 199,999</u>	<u>92,237.91</u>
128	<u>200,000 - 249,999</u>	<u>100,722.08</u>
129	<u>250,000 - 299,999</u>	<u>109,336.94</u>

130	<u>300,000 - 399,999</u>	<u>120,695.98</u>
131	<u>400,000 - 499,999</u>	<u>125,596.35</u>
132	<u>500,000 or more</u>	<u>130,496.72"</u>

SECTION 4.

134 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-9-63.1, relating
 135 to compensation of probate judges for services as magistrate or chief magistrate, as follows:
 136 "(a) Beginning January 1, 2002, in any county in which the probate judge serves as chief
 137 magistrate or magistrate, he or she shall be compensated for such services based on a
 138 minimum annual amount of ~~\$11,642.54~~ \$13,223.25; provided, however, that compensation
 139 for a probate judge shall not be reduced during his or her term of office. A county
 140 governing authority shall not be required to pay the compensation provided by this
 141 subsection beyond the term for which such probate judge serves as a chief magistrate or
 142 magistrate."

SECTION 5.

144 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-64, relating to supplementation
 145 of minimum salaries of probate judges, as follows:
 146 "15-9-64.
 147 The amount of minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-9-63 for the judges of the
 148 probate courts of any county presently on a salary who also hold and conduct elections or
 149 are responsible for conducting elections for members of the General Assembly under any
 150 applicable general or local law of this state shall be increased by ~~\$323.59~~ \$385.90 per
 151 month. The amount of the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-9-63 for the
 152 judges of the probate courts on a salary who are responsible for traffic cases under any
 153 general or local law of this state shall also be increased by ~~\$404.41~~ \$482.28 per month. A
 154 county governing authority shall not be required to pay the compensation provided by this
 155 Code section beyond the term for which such judge performs such services."

SECTION 6.

157 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-23, relating
 158 to minimum compensation and annual salary of magistrates, as follows:
 159 "(a)(1) As used in this Code section, the term 'full-time capacity' means, in the case of
 160 a chief magistrate, a chief magistrate who regularly exercises the powers of a magistrate
 161 as set forth in Code Section 15-10-2 at least 40 hours per workweek. In the case of all
 162 other magistrates, such term means a magistrate who was appointed to a full-time

163 magistrate position and who regularly exercises the powers of a magistrate as set forth
 164 in Code Section 15-10-2 at least 40 hours per workweek.

165 (2) Unless otherwise provided by local law, effective January 1, 2006, any of the laws
 166 to the contrary notwithstanding, the chief magistrate of each county who serves in a
 167 full-time capacity other than those counties where the probate judge serves as chief
 168 magistrate shall receive a minimum annual salary of the amount fixed in the following
 169 schedule:

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
171	0 - 5,999	\$ 29,832.20 <u>33,882.52</u>
172	6,000 - 11,889	40,967.92 <u>46,530.13</u>
173	11,890 - 19,999	46,408.38 <u>52,709.25</u>
174	20,000 - 28,999	49,721.70 <u>56,472.42</u>
175	29,000 - 38,999	53,035.03 <u>60,235.60</u>
176	39,000 - 49,999	56,352.46 <u>64,003.43</u>
177	50,000 - 74,999	63,164.60 <u>71,740.46</u>
178	75,000 - 99,999	67,800.09 <u>77,005.31</u>
179	100,000 - 149,999	72,434.13 <u>82,268.51</u>
180	150,000 - 199,999	77,344.56 <u>87,845.63</u>
181	200,000 - 249,999	84,458.82 <u>95,925.79</u>
182	250,000 - 299,999	91,682.66 <u>104,130.41</u>
183	300,000 - 399,999	101,207.60 <u>114,948.56</u>
184	400,000 - 499,999	105,316.72 <u>119,615.57</u>
185	500,000 or more	109,425.84 <u>124,282.59</u>

186 The minimum salary for each affected chief magistrate shall be fixed from the table in
 187 this subsection according to the population of the county in which the chief magistrate
 188 serves as determined by the United States decennial census of ~~2000~~ 2010 or any future
 189 such census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year
 190 following a census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a
 191 census estimate for the county prior to July 1 that is higher than the immediately
 192 preceding decennial census. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, unless
 193 otherwise provided by local law, effective January 1, 1996, in any county in which more
 194 than 70 percent of the population according to the United States decennial census of 1990
 195 or any future such census resides on property of the United States government which is
 196 exempt from taxation by this state, the population of the county for purposes of this
 197 subsection shall be deemed to be the total population of the county minus the population
 198 of the county which resides on property of the United States government.

199 (3) Effective January 1, 2021, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding,
 200 the minimum annual salary of the chief magistrate of each county who serves in a
 201 full-time capacity other than those counties where the probate judge serves as the chief
 202 magistrate shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments from the
 203 funds of the county, of not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
0 - 5,999	\$ 35,576.62
6,000 - 11,889	48,856.64
11,890 - 19,999	55,344.71
20,000 - 28,999	59,296.04
29,000 - 38,999	63,247.38
39,000 - 49,999	67,203.61
50,000 - 74,999	75,327.48
75,000 - 99,999	80,855.57
100,000 - 149,999	86,381.94
150,000 - 199,999	92,237.91
200,000 - 249,999	100,722.08
250,000 - 299,999	109,336.94
300,000 - 399,999	120,695.98
400,000 - 499,999	125,596.35
500,000 or more	130,496.72

220 The minimum salary for each affected chief magistrate shall be fixed from the table in
 221 this subsection according to the population of the county in which the chief magistrate
 222 serves as determined by the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such
 223 census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year
 224 following a census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a
 225 census estimate for the county prior to July 1 that is higher than the immediately
 226 preceding decennial census. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, unless
 227 otherwise provided by local law, effective January 1, 1996, in any county in which more
 228 than 70 percent of the population according to the United States decennial census of 1990
 229 or any future such census resides on property of the United States government which is
 230 exempt from taxation by this state, the population of the county for purposes of this
 231 subsection shall be deemed to be the total population of the county minus the population
 232 of the county which resides on property of the United States government.

233 ~~(3)~~(4) All other chief magistrates shall receive a minimum monthly salary equal to the
 234 hourly rate that a full-time chief magistrate of the county would receive according to

235 paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, depending on the year, multiplied by the number
 236 of actual hours worked by the chief magistrate as certified by the chief magistrate to the
 237 county governing authority.

238 ~~(4)~~(5) Unless otherwise provided by local law, each magistrate who serves in a full-time
 239 capacity other than the chief magistrate shall receive a minimum monthly salary of
 240 ~~\$3,851.46~~ \$4,374.37 per month or 90 percent of the monthly salary that a full-time chief
 241 magistrate would receive according to paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, depending
 242 on the year, whichever is less.

243 ~~(5)~~(6) All magistrates other than chief magistrates who serve in less than a full-time
 244 capacity or on call shall receive a minimum monthly salary of the lesser of ~~\$22.22~~ \$25.24
 245 per hour for each hour worked as certified by the chief magistrate to the county governing
 246 authority or 90 percent of the monthly salary that a full-time chief magistrate would
 247 receive according to paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, depending on the year;
 248 provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, no
 249 magistrate who serves in less than a full-time capacity shall receive a minimum monthly
 250 salary of less than ~~\$592.58~~ \$673.03 unless a magistrate waives such minimum monthly
 251 salary in writing.

252 ~~(6)~~(7) Magistrates shall be compensated solely on a salary basis and not in whole or in
 253 part from fees. The salaries and supplements of all magistrates shall be paid in equal
 254 monthly installments from county funds."

255 SECTION 7.

256 Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) through (d) of Code Section
 257 15-10-105, relating to selection of clerk of magistrate court and compensation, as follows:

258 "(b) With the consent of the clerk of superior court the county governing authority may
 259 provide that the clerk of superior court shall serve as clerk of magistrate court and shall be
 260 compensated for his or her services as clerk of magistrate court in an amount not less than
 261 ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month. With the consent of the clerk of the superior court and clerk
 262 of the state court, the county governing authority may provide that the state court clerk
 263 shall serve as clerk of magistrate court and shall be compensated for his or her service as
 264 clerk of magistrate court in an amount not less than ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month. Such
 265 compensation shall be retained by the clerk of superior court as his or her personal funds
 266 without regard to whether he or she is otherwise compensated on a fee basis or salary basis
 267 or both.

268 (c) If the clerk of superior court or the clerk of state court does not serve as clerk of
 269 magistrate court, then the county governing authority may provide for the appointment by
 270 the chief magistrate of a clerk to serve at the pleasure of the chief magistrate. A clerk of

271 magistrate court so appointed shall be compensated in an amount fixed by the county
272 governing authority at not less than ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month.

273 (d) If there is no clerk of magistrate court, the chief magistrate or some other magistrate
274 appointed by the chief magistrate shall perform the duties of clerk. A chief magistrate
275 performing the duties of clerk, or another magistrate appointed by the chief magistrate to
276 perform the duties of clerk, shall receive, in addition to any other compensation to which
277 he or she is entitled, compensation for performing the duties of clerk, the amount of which
278 compensation shall be fixed by the county governing authority at not less than
279 ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month."

280 **SECTION 8.**

281 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-16-20, relating
282 to minimum annual salaries for sheriffs, as follows:

283 "(a)(1) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum annual salary of
284 each sheriff in this state shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which
285 he or she serves, as determined by the United States decennial census of ~~2000~~ 2010 or
286 any future such census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated
287 in any year following a census year in which the Department of Community Affairs
288 publishes a census estimate for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than
289 the immediately preceding decennial census. Except as otherwise provided in
290 paragraph ~~(2)~~ (3) of this subsection, each such sheriff shall receive an annual salary,
291 payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of the sheriff's county, of not less
292 than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
293 0 - 5,999	\$42,045.88 <u>\$ 47,745.45</u>
294 6,000 - 11,889	46,917.92 <u>53,287.97</u>
295 11,890 - 19,999	53,880.12 <u>61,195.42</u>
296 20,000 - 28,999	59,328.83 <u>67,383.91</u>
297 29,000 - 38,999	64,776.16 <u>73,570.82</u>
298 39,000 - 49,999	70,227.59 <u>79,762.39</u>
299 50,000 - 74,999	75,674.90 <u>85,949.28</u>
300 75,000 - 99,999	78,247.21 <u>88,870.83</u>
301 100,000 - 149,999	80,819.51 <u>91,792.37</u>
302 150,000 - 199,999	83,695.91 <u>95,059.30</u>
303 200,000 - 249,999	86,572.30 <u>98,348.94</u>
304 250,000 - 299,999	94,759.02 <u>107,624.45</u>

306	300,000 - 399,999	105,822.14	120,189.61
307	400,000 - 499,999	109,931.24	124,856.60
308	500,000 or more	114,040.36	129,534.98

309 (2) Effective January 1, 2021, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding,
 310 the minimum annual salary of each sheriff in this state shall be fixed according to the
 311 population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the United States
 312 decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that such annual
 313 salary shall be recalculated in any year following a census year in which the Department
 314 of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate for the county prior to July 1 in such
 315 year that is higher than the immediately preceding decennial census. Except as otherwise
 316 provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, each such sheriff shall receive an annual
 317 salary, payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of the sheriff's county, of
 318 not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

319	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
320	0 - 5,999	\$ 50,132.72
321	6,000 - 11,889	55,952.37
322	11,890 - 19,999	64,225.19
323	20,000 - 28,999	70,753.11
324	29,000 - 38,999	77,249.36
325	39,000 - 49,999	83,750.51
326	50,000 - 74,999	90,246.74
327	75,000 - 99,999	93,314.37
328	100,000 - 149,999	96,381.99
329	150,000 - 199,999	99,812.27
330	200,000 - 249,999	103,266.38
331	250,000 - 299,999	113,005.67
332	300,000 - 399,999	126,199.09
333	400,000 - 499,999	131,099.43
334	500,000 or more	136,011.72

335 (2)(3) Whenever the state employees subject to compensation plans authorized and
 336 approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 receive a cost-of-living increase or
 337 general performance based increase of a certain percentage or a certain amount, the
 338 amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection,
 339 depending on the year, and in Code Section 15-16-20.1, or the amounts derived by
 340 increasing each of said amounts through the application of longevity increases pursuant

341 to subsection (b) of this Code section, where applicable, shall be increased by the same
 342 percentage or same amount applicable to such state employees. If the cost-of-living
 343 increase or general performance based increase received by state employees is in different
 344 percentages or different amounts as to certain categories of employees, the amounts fixed
 345 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the amounts fixed
 346 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it is January 1,
 347 2021, or later, depending on the year, and in Code Section 15-16-20.1, or the amounts
 348 derived through the application of longevity increases, shall be increased by a percentage
 349 or an amount not to exceed the average percentage or average amount of the general
 350 increase in salary granted to the state employees. The Office of Planning and Budget
 351 shall calculate the average percentage increase or average amount increase when
 352 necessary. The periodic changes in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule
 353 in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule
 354 in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it is January 1, 2021, or later, and in Code Section
 355 15-16-20.1, or the amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, as
 356 authorized by this paragraph shall become effective on the first day of January following
 357 the date that the cost-of-living increases received by state employees become effective;
 358 provided, however, that if the cost-of-living increases or general performance based
 359 increases received by state employees become effective on January 1, such periodic
 360 changes in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this
 361 subsection or the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this
 362 subsection, if it is January 1, 2021, or later, and in Code Section 15-16-20.1, or the
 363 amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, as authorized by this
 364 paragraph shall become effective on the same date that the cost-of-living increases or
 365 general performance based increases received by state employees become effective.

366 ~~(3)~~(4) The county governing authority may supplement the minimum annual salary of
 367 the sheriff in such amount as it may fix from time to time; but no sheriff's compensation
 368 supplement shall be decreased during any term of office. Any prior expenditure of
 369 county funds to supplement the sheriff's salary in the manner authorized by this paragraph
 370 is ratified and confirmed. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prohibit the General
 371 Assembly by local law from supplementing the annual salary of the sheriff."

372 **SECTION 9.**

373 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-16-20.1, relating to additional
 374 salary for sheriffs, as follows:

375 "15-16-20.1.

376 In addition to the minimum salary provided in Code Section 15-16-20, the sheriff of any
 377 county who performs the duties of a sheriff for a state court, probate court, magistrate
 378 court, juvenile court, or county recorder's court under any applicable general or local law
 379 of this state shall receive for his or her services in such court or courts a salary of not less
 380 than ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month, to be paid from the funds of the county. A sheriff who
 381 serves in more than one such court shall receive only one such salary."

382 **SECTION 10.**

383 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
 384 elections generally, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-213, relating
 385 to county deputy registrars, clerical help, and appointment of county officer or employee as
 386 chief deputy registrar, as follows:

387 "(c) In every county wherein the registrars do not maintain an office which is open and
 388 staffed during regular business hours, the registrars shall designate and appoint as chief
 389 deputy registrar a full-time county officer or employee for the purpose of registering
 390 eligible electors and performing other duties as may be required by the board of registrars.
 391 The governing authority of the county shall provide for the compensation of the chief
 392 deputy registrar in an amount not less than ~~\$293.29~~ \$333.11 per month. The name,
 393 business address, telephone number, and any other pertinent information relative to the
 394 chief deputy registrar shall be forwarded by the registrars to the Secretary of State's office,
 395 where such information shall be maintained on file."

396 **SECTION 11.**

397 Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem
 398 taxation of property, is amended by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 48-5-137,
 399 relating to tax collectors and tax commissioners as ex officio sheriffs, as follows:

400 "(g) Each tax collector or tax commissioner who is compensated on a salary basis and who
 401 is authorized to act as an ex officio sheriff under this Code section and whose office
 402 performs substantially all of the duties of the sheriff with respect to tax executions shall be
 403 entitled to a salary of ~~\$349.78~~ \$397.27 per month for his or her service as ex officio sheriff.
 404 Such compensation shall be in addition to any other compensation to which such tax
 405 commissioner or tax collector is entitled. Such additional compensation shall not be paid
 406 to any tax commissioner who is compensated solely by the fee system of compensation;
 407 but such compensation shall be paid to any tax commissioner who is compensated in part
 408 by fees and in part by a salary. Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly
 409 installments from county funds."

SECTION 12.

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Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 48-5-183, relating to salaries of tax collectors and tax commissioners, as follows:

"(b)(1) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, except for the provisions of paragraph ~~(2)~~ (3) of this subsection, the minimum annual salary of each tax collector and tax commissioner who is compensated by an annual salary shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the United States decennial census of ~~2000~~ 2010 or any future such census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding decennial census. Each such officer shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of his or her county, of not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
0 - 5,999	\$ 29,832.20 <u>\$ 33,882.52</u>
6,000 - 11,889	40,967.92 <u>46,530.13</u>
11,890 - 19,999	46,408.38 <u>52,709.25</u>
20,000 - 28,999	49,721.70 <u>56,472.42</u>
29,000 - 38,999	53,035.03 <u>60,235.60</u>
39,000 - 49,999	56,352.46 <u>64,003.43</u>
50,000 - 74,999	63,164.60 <u>71,740.46</u>
75,000 - 99,999	67,800.09 <u>77,005.31</u>
100,000 - 149,999	72,434.13 <u>82,268.51</u>
150,000 - 199,999	77,344.56 <u>87,845.63</u>
200,000 - 249,999	84,458.82 <u>95,925.79</u>
250,000 - 299,999	91,682.66 <u>104,130.41</u>
300,000 - 399,999	101,207.60 <u>114,948.56</u>
400,000 - 499,999	105,316.72 <u>119,615.57</u>
500,000 or more	109,425.84 <u>124,282.59</u>

(2) Effective January 1, 2021, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, except for the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, the minimum annual salary of each tax collector and tax commissioner who is compensated by an annual salary shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate

446 for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding
 447 decennial census. Each such officer shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal
 448 monthly installments from the funds of his or her county, of not less than the amount
 449 fixed in the following schedule:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
0 - 5,999	\$ 35,576.65
6,000 - 11,889	48,856.64
11,890 - 19,999	55,344.71
20,000 - 28,999	59,296.04
29,000 - 38,999	63,247.38
39,000 - 49,999	67,203.60
50,000 - 74,999	75,327.48
75,000 - 99,999	80,855.58
100,000 - 149,999	86,381.94
150,000 - 199,999	92,237.91
200,000 - 249,999	100,722.07
250,000 - 299,999	109,336.93
300,000 - 399,999	120,695.98
400,000 - 499,999	125,596.34
500,000 or more	130,496.71

466 ~~(2)~~(3) Whenever the state employees subject to compensation plans authorized and
 467 approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 receive a cost-of-living increase or
 468 general performance based increase of a certain percentage or a certain amount, the
 469 amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the
 470 amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it
 471 is January 1, 2021, or later, in subsection (g) of Code Section 48-5-137, and, where
 472 applicable, in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-213, or the amounts derived by
 473 increasing each of said amounts through the application of longevity increases pursuant
 474 to subsection (d) of this Code section, where applicable shall be increased by the same
 475 percentage or same amount applicable to such state employees. If the cost-of-living
 476 increase or general performance based increase received by state employees is in different
 477 percentages or different amounts as to certain categories of employees, the amounts fixed
 478 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the amounts fixed
 479 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it is January 1,
 480 2021, or later, in subsection (g) of Code Section 48-5-137, and, where applicable, in
 481 subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-213, or the amounts derived through the application

482 of longevity increases, shall be increased by a percentage or an amount not to exceed the
 483 average percentage or average amount of the general increase in salary granted to the
 484 state employees. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average
 485 percentage increase or average amount increase when necessary. The periodic changes
 486 in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection
 487 or the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection,
 488 if it is January 1, 2021, or later, in subsection (g) of Code Section 48-5-137, and, where
 489 applicable, in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-213, or the amounts derived through
 490 the application of longevity increases, as authorized by this paragraph shall become
 491 effective on the first day of January following the date that the cost-of-living increases
 492 received by state employees become effective; provided, however, that if the
 493 cost-of-living increases or general performance based increases received by state
 494 employees become effective on January 1, such periodic changes in the amounts fixed
 495 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the amounts fixed
 496 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it is January 1,
 497 2021, or later, in subsection (g) of Code Section 48-5-137, and, where applicable, in
 498 subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-213, or the amounts derived through the application
 499 of longevity increases as authorized by this paragraph, shall become effective on the same
 500 date that the cost-of-living increases or general performance based increases received by
 501 state employees become effective.

502 ~~(3)~~(4) The county governing authority may supplement the minimum annual salary of
 503 the tax commissioner in such amount as it may fix from time to time; but no tax
 504 commissioner's compensation supplement shall be decreased during any term of office.
 505 Any prior expenditure of county funds to supplement the tax commissioner's salary in the
 506 manner authorized by this paragraph is ratified and confirmed. Nothing contained in this
 507 paragraph shall prohibit the General Assembly by local law from supplementing the
 508 annual salary of the tax commissioner."

509 **SECTION 13.**

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