

House Bill 334

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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>

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

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

61	<u>300,000 - 399,999</u>	<u>120,695.98</u>
62	<u>400,000 - 499,999</u>	<u>125,596.21</u>
63	<u>500,000 or more</u>	<u>130,496.71"</u>

SECTION 2.

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

67 "15-6-89.

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

SECTION 3.

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

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

91	<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
92	0 - 5,999	\$ 29,832.20 <u>\$ 33,882.52</u>
93	6,000 - 11,889	40,967.92 <u>46,530.13</u>
94	11,890 - 19,999	46,408.38 <u>52,709.25</u>

95	20,000 - 28,999	49,721.70 <u>56,472.42</u>
96	29,000 - 38,999	53,035.03 <u>60,235.60</u>
97	39,000 - 49,999	56,352.46 <u>64,003.43</u>
98	50,000 - 74,999	63,164.60 <u>71,740.46</u>
99	75,000 - 99,999	67,800.09 <u>77,005.31</u>
100	100,000 - 149,999	72,434.13 <u>82,268.51</u>
101	150,000 - 199,999	77,344.56 <u>87,845.63</u>
102	200,000 - 249,999	84,458.82 <u>95,925.79</u>
103	250,000 - 299,999	91,682.66 <u>104,130.41</u>
104	300,000 - 399,999	101,207.60 <u>114,948.56</u>
105	400,000 - 499,999	105,316.72 <u>119,615.57</u>
106	500,000 or more	109,425.84 <u>124,282.59</u>

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

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

130	<u>250,000 - 299,999</u>	<u>109,336.94</u>
131	<u>300,000 - 399,999</u>	<u>120,695.98</u>
132	<u>400,000 - 499,999</u>	<u>125,596.35</u>
133	<u>500,000 or more</u>	<u>130,496.72"</u>

134 **SECTION 4.**

135 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-9-63.1, relating
 136 to compensation of probate judges for services as magistrate or chief magistrate, as follows:

137 "(a) Beginning January 1, 2002, in any county in which the probate judge serves as chief
 138 magistrate or magistrate, he or she shall be compensated for such services based on a
 139 minimum annual amount of ~~\$11,642.54~~ \$13,223.25; provided, however, that compensation
 140 for a probate judge shall not be reduced during his or her term of office. A county
 141 governing authority shall not be required to pay the compensation provided by this
 142 subsection beyond the term for which such probate judge serves as a chief magistrate or
 143 magistrate."

144 **SECTION 5.**

145 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-64, relating to supplementation
 146 of minimum salaries of probate judges, as follows:

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

157 **SECTION 6.**

158 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-23, relating
 159 to minimum compensation and annual salary of magistrates, as follows:

160 "(a)(1) As used in this Code section, the term 'full-time capacity' means, in the case of
 161 a chief magistrate, a chief magistrate who regularly exercises the powers of a magistrate
 162 as set forth in Code Section 15-10-2 at least 40 hours per workweek. In the case of all

163 other magistrates, such term means a magistrate who was appointed to a full-time
 164 magistrate position and who regularly exercises the powers of a magistrate as set forth
 165 in Code Section 15-10-2 at least 40 hours per workweek.

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

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
172 0 - 5,999	\$ 29,832.20 <u>33,882.52</u>
173 6,000 - 11,889	40,967.92 <u>46,530.13</u>
174 11,890 - 19,999	46,408.38 <u>52,709.25</u>
175 20,000 - 28,999	49,721.70 <u>56,472.42</u>
176 29,000 - 38,999	53,035.03 <u>60,235.60</u>
177 39,000 - 49,999	56,352.46 <u>64,003.43</u>
178 50,000 - 74,999	63,164.60 <u>71,740.46</u>
179 75,000 - 99,999	67,800.09 <u>77,005.31</u>
180 100,000 - 149,999	72,434.13 <u>82,268.51</u>
181 150,000 - 199,999	77,344.56 <u>87,845.63</u>
182 200,000 - 249,999	84,458.82 <u>95,925.79</u>
183 250,000 - 299,999	91,682.66 <u>104,130.41</u>
184 300,000 - 399,999	101,207.60 <u>114,948.56</u>
185 400,000 - 499,999	105,316.72 <u>119,615.57</u>
186 500,000 or more	109,425.84 <u>124,282.59</u>

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

198 subsection shall be deemed to be the total population of the county minus the population
 199 of the county which resides on property of the United States government.

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

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

221 The minimum annual salary of each affected chief magistrate shall be fixed from the table
 222 in this paragraph according to the population of the county in which he or she serves as
 223 determined by the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census;
 224 provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a
 225 census year in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate
 226 for the county prior to July 1 that is higher than the immediately preceding decennial
 227 census. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, unless otherwise provided by
 228 local law, effective January 1, 2020, in any county in which more than 70 percent of the
 229 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 or any future such
 230 census resides on property of the United States government which is exempt from
 231 taxation by this state, the population of the county for purposes of this subsection shall
 232 be deemed to be the total population of the county minus the population of the county
 233 which resides on property of the United States government.

234 ~~(3)~~(4) All other chief magistrates shall receive a minimum monthly salary equal to the
 235 hourly rate that a full-time chief magistrate of the county would receive according to
 236 paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, depending on the year, multiplied by the number
 237 of actual hours worked by the chief magistrate as certified by the chief magistrate to the
 238 county governing authority.

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

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

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

256 **SECTION 7.**

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

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

270 (c) If the clerk of superior court or the clerk of state court does not serve as clerk of
 271 magistrate court, then the county governing authority may provide for the appointment by
 272 the chief magistrate of a clerk to serve at the pleasure of the chief magistrate. A clerk of
 273 magistrate court so appointed shall be compensated in an amount fixed by the county
 274 governing authority at not less than ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month.

275 (d) If there is no clerk of magistrate court, the chief magistrate or some other magistrate
 276 appointed by the chief magistrate shall perform the duties of clerk. A chief magistrate
 277 performing the duties of clerk, or another magistrate appointed by the chief magistrate to
 278 perform the duties of clerk, shall receive, in addition to any other compensation to which
 279 he or she is entitled, compensation for performing the duties of clerk, the amount of which
 280 compensation shall be fixed by the county governing authority at not less than
 281 ~~\$323.59~~ \$367.52 per month."

282 **SECTION 8.**

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

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

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
0 - 5,999	\$42,045.88 <u>\$ 47,745.45</u>
6,000 - 11,889	46,917.92 <u>53,287.97</u>
11,890 - 19,999	53,880.12 <u>61,195.42</u>
20,000 - 28,999	59,328.83 <u>67,383.91</u>
29,000 - 38,999	64,776.16 <u>73,570.82</u>
39,000 - 49,999	70,227.59 <u>79,762.39</u>
50,000 - 74,999	75,674.90 <u>85,949.28</u>
75,000 - 99,999	78,247.21 <u>88,870.83</u>
100,000 - 149,999	80,819.51 <u>91,792.37</u>

305	150,000 - 199,999	83,695.91	<u>95,059.30</u>
306	200,000 - 249,999	86,572.30	<u>98,348.94</u>
307	250,000 - 299,999	94,759.02	<u>107,624.45</u>
308	300,000 - 399,999	105,822.14	<u>120,189.61</u>
309	400,000 - 499,999	109,931.24	<u>124,856.60</u>
310	500,000 or more	114,040.36	<u>129,534.98</u>

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

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

338 (2)(3) Whenever the state employees subject to compensation plans authorized and
 339 approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 receive a cost-of-living increase or

340 general performance based increase of a certain percentage or a certain amount, the
 341 amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection,
 342 depending on the year, and in Code Section 15-16-20.1, or the amounts derived by
 343 increasing each of said amounts through the application of longevity increases pursuant
 344 to subsection (b) of this Code section, where applicable, shall be increased by the same
 345 percentage or same amount applicable to such state employees. If the cost-of-living
 346 increase or general performance based increase received by state employees is in different
 347 percentages or different amounts as to certain categories of employees, the amounts fixed
 348 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the amounts fixed
 349 in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it is January 1,
 350 2021, or later, depending on the year, and in Code Section 15-16-20.1, or the amounts
 351 derived through the application of longevity increases, shall be increased by a percentage
 352 or an amount not to exceed the average percentage or average amount of the general
 353 increase in salary granted to the state employees. The Office of Planning and Budget
 354 shall calculate the average percentage increase or average amount increase when
 355 necessary. The periodic changes in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule
 356 in paragraph (1) of this subsection or the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule
 357 in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if it is January 1, 2021, or later, and in Code Section
 358 15-16-20.1, or the amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, as
 359 authorized by this paragraph shall become effective on the first day of January following
 360 the date that the cost-of-living increases received by state employees become effective;
 361 provided, however, that if the cost-of-living increases or general performance based
 362 increases received by state employees become effective on January 1, such periodic
 363 changes in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this
 364 subsection or the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (2) of this
 365 subsection, if it is January 1, 2021, or later, and in Code Section 15-16-20.1, or the
 366 amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, as authorized by this
 367 paragraph shall become effective on the same date that the cost-of-living increases or
 368 general performance based increases received by state employees become effective.
 369 ~~(3)~~(4) The county governing authority may supplement the minimum annual salary of
 370 the sheriff in such amount as it may fix from time to time; but no sheriff's compensation
 371 supplement shall be decreased during any term of office. Any prior expenditure of
 372 county funds to supplement the sheriff's salary in the manner authorized by this paragraph
 373 is ratified and confirmed. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prohibit the General
 374 Assembly by local law from supplementing the annual salary of the sheriff."

375 **SECTION 9.**

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

378 "15-16-20.1.

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

385 **SECTION 10.**

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

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

399 **SECTION 11.**

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

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

410 but such compensation shall be paid to any tax commissioner who is compensated in part
411 by fees and in part by a salary. Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly
412 installments from county funds."

413 **SECTION 12.**

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

416 "(b)(1) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, except for the
417 provisions of paragraph ~~(2)~~ (3) of this subsection, the minimum annual salary of each tax
418 collector and tax commissioner who is compensated by an annual salary shall be fixed
419 according to the population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the
420 United States decennial census of ~~2000~~ 2010 or any future such census; provided,
421 however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in any year following a census year
422 in which the Department of Community Affairs publishes a census estimate for the
423 county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than the immediately preceding
424 decennial census. Each such officer shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal
425 monthly installments from the funds of his or her county, of not less than the amount
426 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>

443 (2) Effective January 1, 2021, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding
444 and except for the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, the minimum annual

445 salary of each tax collector and tax commissioner who is compensated by an annual
 446 salary shall be fixed from the table in this paragraph according to the population of the
 447 county in which he or she serves as determined by the United States decennial census of
 448 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be
 449 recalculated in any year following a census year in which the Department of Community
 450 Affairs publishes a census estimate for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is
 451 higher than the immediately preceding decennial census. Each such officer shall receive
 452 an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of his or her
 453 county, of not less than the amount 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

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

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

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

513

SECTION 13.

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