

House Bill 1170

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for a change in the compensation of the Sheriff, the Tax
2 Commissioner, the Judge of the Probate Court, the Clerk of the Superior Court and the
3 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County to reflect increases in the cost
4 of living, approved April 6, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 3304), as amended, particularly by an Act
5 approved March 25, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4156), so as to provide for the method of
6 calculating the annual compensation for such county officers; to provide for related matters;
7 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to provide for a change in the compensation of the Sheriff, the Tax Commissioner,
11 the Judge of the Probate Court, the Clerk of the Superior Court and the Chairman of the
12 Board of Commissioners of Newton County to reflect increases in the cost of living,
13 approved April 6, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 3304), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
14 March 25, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4156), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

15 "Section 1. (a) 'Minimum annual salary' means the minimum salary fixed according to the
16 population of Newton County, inclusive of any applicable salary supplements provided for
17 by general law for which a Newton County Officer is eligible, as now or hereafter
18 amended, but which shall not include longevity increase.

19 (b) 'Newton County Officer' means the Sheriff, the Tax Commissioner, the Judge of the
20 Probate Court, the Clerk of the Superior Court, and the Chairperson of the Board of
21 Commissioners of Newton County."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

24 "Section 2. (a) On and after the effective date of this Act, each Newton County Officer
25 shall receive an annual base salary which shall be equal to the highest minimum annual

26 salary as provided in subsection (a) of Section 1 of this Act, to which shall be added the
 27 following:

28 (1) Any salary supplements provided for by general law not previously included in the
 29 calculation of the annual base salary and for which the respective Newton County Officer
 30 is eligible;

31 (2) A longevity increase of 5 percent of the combined total of the base salary and the
 32 salary supplements provided for by general law, if any, for each four-year term of office
 33 served by the individual county officers, figured at the end of such period of service;

34 (3) Cost-of-living increases, calculated in the following manner: on or after July 1, 2006,
 35 whenever the employees in the classified service of the state merit system receive a
 36 cost-of-living increase of a certain percentage or a certain amount, the sum of the base
 37 salary, the addition of salary supplements in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and the
 38 addition for longevity increase in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be increased by
 39 the same percentage or same amount applicable to such state employees. If the
 40 cost-of-living increase received by state employees is in different percentages or different
 41 amounts as to certain categories of employees, the sum of the base salary, the addition
 42 of salary supplements in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and the addition for longevity
 43 increase in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be increased by a percentage or amount
 44 not to exceed the average percentage or average amount of the general increase in salary
 45 granted to the state employees; and

46 (4) Any salary supplements provided for by local law and for which the respective
 47 Newton County Officer is eligible.

48 (b) The compensation set out in subsection (a) of this section shall be paid in equal
 49 monthly installments from the funds of Newton County.

50 (c) Each Newton County Officer shall also be entitled to any expenses other than salary
 51 provided by local law."

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which
 54 it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

55 **SECTION 4.**

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