

The House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 1540:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of
2 tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as
3 amended, particularly by an Act approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3588), so as to
4 change the compensation of the tax commissioner and certain employees of such office; 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 An Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax
9 commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as
10 amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3651), is amended
11 by revising Section 3 as follows:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 (a) The tax commissioner shall receive a minimum annual salary as provided by Code
14 Section 48-5-183 of the O.C.G.A. plus a supplement not to exceed the amount
15 of \$32,433.00, to be paid in equal monthly installments from county funds. The tax

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16 commissioner shall be allowed one chief clerk whose annual salary shall be paid in equal
17 monthly installments from the funds of the county treasury. The annual salary for the chief
18 clerk shall be \$135,129.00. Any candidate for the office of tax commissioner of Cobb
19 County shall, on the date of qualifying for such office in either a primary or a general
20 election, certify to the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County the name of the person
21 the candidate shall appoint as chief clerk in the event he or she is elected to the office of
22 tax commissioner of Cobb County; and the person so named shall serve as the chief clerk
23 during the term for which he or she was so named. In the event of the death or removal
24 from office of said chief clerk, the tax commissioner of Cobb County shall have 30 days
25 from said date of death or removal from office of said chief clerk to certify to the judge of
26 the Probate Court of Cobb County the name of the chief clerk to be appointed.

27 (b) In addition to those employees provided for in subsection (a) of this section, there is
28 created the position of executive secretary to the tax commissioner. The executive
29 secretary shall be appointed by the tax commissioner, shall be under the tax commissioner's
30 direct supervision and control, and shall serve at the pleasure of the tax commissioner. The
31 tax commissioner shall establish such qualifications, education, and experience as he or she
32 deems necessary for the individual appointed to the position of executive secretary. The
33 salary of the executive secretary shall not exceed \$71,111.00 per annum, to be paid in equal
34 monthly installments from the funds of Cobb County.

35 (c) In addition to those employees provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this section,
36 there is created the position of administrative specialist in the office of the tax
37 commissioner. The administrative specialist shall be appointed by the tax commissioner,
38 shall be under the tax commissioner's direct supervision and control, and shall serve at the
39 pleasure of the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall establish such
40 qualifications, education, and experience as he or she deems necessary for the individual
41 appointed to the position of administrative specialist. The salary of the administrative

42 specialist shall not exceed \$71,111.00 per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments
43 from the funds of Cobb County.

44 (d) The tax commissioner, chief clerk, executive secretary, and administrative specialist
45 shall be entitled to any other compensation or salary increase as provided for by law as well
46 as any cost-of-living increase or merit increase provided to county employees by the
47 governing authority of Cobb County."

48 **SECTION 2.**

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