

House Bill 774

By: Representative Pirkle of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, approved
2 February 16, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, so as to revise provisions related to the
3 compensation of the board of commissioners; to revise provisions relating to appointment
4 of the clerk of the board of commissioners; to provide for the appointment of a county
5 administrator; to provide for the powers and duties of the county administrator; to revise
6 provisions relating to the superintendent of roads and bridges; to repeal provisions relating
7 to providing an automobile to the chairperson when serving as superintendent of roads and
8 bridges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, approved February 16, 1933
12 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, is amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

13 "SECTION 6.

14 (a) Each commissioner other than the chairperson shall receive an annual salary of
15 \$4,800.00, payable in equal monthly payments from the funds of Irwin County.

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16 (b) The chairperson shall receive an annual salary of \$7,200.00, payable in equal monthly
17 payments from the funds of Irwin County.

18 (c) In addition to the salaries provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the
19 chairperson shall receive a local expense allowance of \$6,000.00 per year; and each other
20 member of the board shall receive a local travel expense allowance of \$2,400.00 per year.
21 No other allowance shall be made for local necessary expenses.

22 (d) The chairperson or any member of the board may also serve as the county
23 administrator."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said Act is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 6A as
26 follows:

27 "(1) The board of commissioners shall elect a clerk of the board of commissioners who
28 shall serve as its clerk and shall have such duties as are specified by the board and shall
29 hold office under the control and direction of the board and serve at its pleasure and may
30 be dismissed by the board at any time and a successor employed. The clerk shall keep,
31 or cause to be kept, proper and accurate books of minutes wherein shall appear all acts,
32 orders, and proceedings of the board."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 8 as follows:

35 **"SECTION 8.**

36 "(a) The chairperson of the board shall be the executive officer and member of said board
37 and shall be responsible for the conduct and administration of said office, subject only to
38 the approval and direction of the board.

39 (b) The board shall employ a county administrator. The county administrator shall be the
40 chief administrative officer of the county and head of the administrative branch of county
41 government. The county administrator shall:

42 (1) Be responsible to the board for the proper administration of all affairs of the county,
43 except as otherwise provided by law;

44 (2) Be accountable for any and all funds, property, or effects which may come into his
45 or her hands;

46 (3) Keep fully accurate and complete accounts in books or a book for the purpose,
47 wherein shall appear in detail all orders, warrants, and other proceedings drawn by the
48 board on the county treasury or depository, for what purpose and on what fund, and all
49 such orders and warrants shall be so drawn as to specify the purpose and on what fund
50 drawn. Such records shall be so kept as to show at all times the financial condition of
51 the county and shall be open to inspection by any citizen or taxpayer of the county;

52 (4) Keep a book of inventory of all county property, including road machinery, live
53 stock, chain-gang outfits, road-working tools and equipment, and every other kind and
54 class of property belonging to said county, together with a fair valuation of the same,
55 where located, in whose custody, and in what condition, which inventory shall, during
56 the month of January in each year, be carefully revised; and

57 (5) Keep all such other books and records as may be necessary, or as the board may
58 order, and shall perform generally or singularly the acts and duties necessary to be
59 performed by him or her as county administrator, and all such other duties as said board
60 may require, and all and any other things that he or she can and should do to fully
61 exercise the duties of the office, and as will be helpful to a clear understanding of the
62 county's financial standing and condition, as well as for an economical administration of
63 the county's affairs.

64 (c) The board shall appoint the county administrator by a majority vote for a period of one
65 year or on such other terms as the board of commissioners may adopt by contract.

66 (d) If the board elects the chairperson of the board as the county administrator, the board
67 shall contract with the chairperson to provide a salary separate from the amount paid for
68 duties as chairperson. If the board elects the chairperson of the board as the county
69 administrator, the board may also appoint the chairperson by a majority vote as the
70 superintendent of roads and bridges. If the chairperson is elected as both the county
71 administrator and superintendent of roads and bridges, the salary for the county
72 administrator and superintendent shall be encompassed in one contract."

73 **SECTION 4.**

74 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 11 as follows:

75 "SECTION 11.

76 The board of commissioners may at their discretion, and when they deem necessary, elect
77 a superintendent of roads and bridges, to be selected on the account of his or her ability,
78 efficiency, and knowledge and skill in practical road building or bridge building,
79 preference being given to a civil engineer when he or she measures up fully to the other
80 requirements. Said road superintendent may be elected for an indefinite period, and his or
81 her services may be discontinued by said board at any time they see fit so to do. The
82 chairperson or any member of the board may be elected as the superintendent of roads and
83 bridges. The superintendent of roads and bridges shall have charge of laying out, building,
84 locating, preparing, repairing, improving, and maintaining the public roads and bridges of
85 the county under orders of the board. The salary of the superintendent of roads and bridges
86 shall be determined by the board. If the chairperson or any member of the board serves as
87 the county administrator and the superintendent of roads and bridges, the salary for serving
88 as the superintendent of roads and bridges shall be encompassed in the county
89 administrator contract."

90 **SECTION 5.**

91 Said Act is further amended by repealing and reserving Section 20.

92 **SECTION 6.**

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