

House Bill 129

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Kelley of the 16th, Hatchett of the 150th, Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to modify certain provisions regarding
3 the compensation received by certain sheriffs; to provide for related matters; to provide for
4 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding sheriffs, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
9 of Code Section 15-16-20, relating to minimum annual salaries for sheriffs, as follows:

10 "(a)(1) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum annual salary of
11 each sheriff in this state shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which
12 he or she serves, as determined by the United States decennial census of 2010 or any
13 future such census; provided, however, that such annual salary shall be recalculated in
14 any year following a census year in which the Department of Community Affairs
15 publishes a census estimate for the county prior to July 1 in such year that is higher than
16 the immediately preceding decennial census. Except as otherwise provided in

17 paragraph (2) of this subsection, each such sheriff shall receive an annual salary, payable
 18 in equal monthly installments from the funds of the sheriff's county, of not less than the
 19 amount fixed in the following schedule:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>
20 0 - 5,999	\$ 50,132.72
21 6,000 - 11,889	55,952.37
22 11,890 - 19,999	64,255.19
23 20,000 - 28,999	70,753.11
24 29,000 - 38,999	77,294.36
25 39,000 - 49,999	79,762.39 <u>83,750.51</u>
26 50,000 - 74,999	90,246.74
27 75,000 - 99,999	93,314.37
28 100,000 - 149,999	96,381.99
29 150,000 - 199,999	99,812.27
30 200,000 - 249,999	103,266.39
31 250,000 - 299,999	113,005.67
32 300,000 - 399,999	126,199.09
33 400,000 - 499,999	131,099.43
34 500,000 or more	136,011.72"

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 38 without such approval.

39 **SECTION 3.**

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