

Senate Bill 350

By: Senators Jackson of the 41st, Mangham of the 55th, Parent of the 44th, Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 43rd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of  
2 DeKalb County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, so as to  
3 revise the compensation of certain judges, judicial officers, and county officers; to make  
4 conforming changes related to court names changed by general law; to provide for related  
5 matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb  
9 County, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3986), as amended, is amended by adding  
10 a new section to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 1.2.

12 Pursuant to Section 1 of an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the  
13 O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, approved May 6, 2024  
14 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 738), as of January 1, 2025, the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit shall be  
15 known and may be referred to as the DeKalb Judicial Circuit. Any reference in this Act

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16 to the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit shall be deemed to refer to the DeKalb Judicial  
17 Circuit."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 2 and 2.1 as follows:

20 "SECTION 2.

21 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the annual salary of each of  
22 the officials of DeKalb County listed below shall be the following percentages of the gross  
23 salary as defined in Section 1:

- 24 (1) Judge of the Probate Court.....95%
- 25 (2) Clerk of the Superior Court.....80%
- 26 (3) Tax Commissioner.....80%
- 27 (4) Judge of the Juvenile Court.....95%

28 SECTION 2.1.

29 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the annual salary of each of  
30 the officials of DeKalb County listed below shall be the following percentages of the gross  
31 salary as defined in Section 1:

- 32 (1) Chief Executive Officer.....100%
- 33 (2) Members of the Board of Commissioners.....32%"

34 **SECTION 3.**

35 Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 3 and 3.1 as follows:

36 "SECTION 3.

37 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the annual salary of each of  
38 the officials of DeKalb County listed below shall be the following percentages of the gross  
39 salary as defined in Section 1:

- 40 (1) State Court Judge, Divisions A and B.....95%
- 41 (2) State Court Solicitor.....95%
- 42 (3) Chief Magistrate.....95%
- 43 (4) Associate Magistrate.....85%
- 44 (5) District Attorney.....100%
- 45 (6) Sheriff.....100%

46 SECTION 3.1.

47 (a) The annual salary of the Clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County shall be 90 percent  
48 of the annual salary received by the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

49 (b) Each part-time associate judge of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County shall be paid  
50 an hourly rate commensurate with the annual salary provided in this Act to a full-time  
51 associate judge of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County."

52 SECTION 4.

53 Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

54 "SECTION 3.2.

55 Each judge of the State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, or Juvenile Court of  
56 DeKalb County and each non-judicial official who pursuant to this Act receives any  
57 compensation from DeKalb County funds shall also receive from DeKalb County the same  
58 fringe benefits provided to all county employees, including but not limited to health  
59 insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, life insurance, flexible benefits, incentives,

60 and longevity pay. Each judge or official may opt out of any such fringe benefit. Such  
61 fringe benefits shall be calculated based upon the total years of service that the judge or  
62 official has provided as a judge, official, or employee of DeKalb County and shall be  
63 calculated based upon the judge's or official's total compensation from state or DeKalb  
64 County funds. Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify or affect any pension  
65 or retirement plan."

66 **SECTION 5.**

67 (a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective  
68 on June 1, 2025.

69 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2025.

70 **SECTION 6.**

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