

Senate Bill 620

By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowser of the 46th and Ginn of the 47th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the State Court of Barrow County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga.  
2 L. 2020, p. 3591), so as to provide for a full-time solicitor-general of the Barrow County  
3 State Court; to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general; to provide for a maximum  
4 salary; to provide for assistant solicitors-general and certain other employees; to provide for  
5 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 to create the State Court of Barrow County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020,  
9 p. 3591), is amended by revising Section 12 as follows:

10 "SECTION 12.

11 (a) There shall be a solicitor-general of the State Court of Barrow County who shall be  
12 elected by the qualified voters of Barrow County at the state-wide general election in  
13 November, 2022, shall take office the first day of January immediately following such  
14 election, and shall serve for a term of office of four years and until the election and  
15 qualification of a successor, as provided by Article 3 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 and Title 21  
16 of the O.C.G.A.; provided, however, that the first solicitor-general shall be appointed by

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17 the Governor for a term of office beginning January 1, 2021, and ending January 1, 2023,  
18 and until the election and qualification of a successor.

19 (b) The solicitor-general of such court shall have such qualifications as provided in  
20 Article 3 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. and shall be a full-time solicitor-general  
21 of such court.

22 (c) The solicitor-general shall be paid an annual salary equal to 95 percent of the annual  
23 salary of the district attorney for the Piedmont Judicial Circuit, not including any local  
24 supplements, up to a maximum salary of \$142,500.00 and shall receive all legally required  
25 benefits. Such salary shall be payable out of the funds of Barrow County at the same  
26 intervals as installments are paid to other county employees.

27 (d) The solicitor-general may employ such additional assistant solicitors-general, or other  
28 attorneys, investigators, paraprofessionals, clerical assistants, victim and witness assistance  
29 personnel, and other employees or independent contractors as may be authorized by the  
30 board of commissioners. Such personnel employed by the solicitor-general shall be  
31 compensated by the county in a manner and amount fixed by the solicitor-general with the  
32 approval of the board of commissioners. Any investigator employed pursuant to this  
33 subsection shall meet the qualifications for certification as a peace officer as provided in  
34 Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training  
35 Act.'

36 **SECTION 2.**

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