

Senate Bill 171

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd and Hill of the 6th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff,
2 and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system,
3 approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act
4 approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3702), an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013,
5 p. 4150), and an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), so as to change the
6 compensation of the chief deputy, the assistant chief deputy, and the executive assistant to
7 the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the
12 judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system,
13 approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act
14 approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3702), an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013,
15 p. 4150), and an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), is amended by
16 revising subsections (b), (c), and (d) of Section 5 as follows:

17 "(b) The sheriff of Cobb County shall have one chief deputy whose salary shall be
18 \$130,869.19 per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb
19 County. The chief deputy sheriff shall possess the same qualifications for office as
20 required for the sheriff. The chief deputy shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff. Each
21 candidate for the office of sheriff of Cobb County shall, at the time he or she qualifies to
22 run for the office of sheriff, designate and certify to the judge of the probate court the name
23 of the person who shall be his or her chief deputy sheriff. In the event the office of sheriff
24 becomes vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled until the
25 next general election by said chief deputy, who shall in such event enter upon the
26 performance of said duties upon taking the oath of office prescribed by law for the sheriff

27 of Cobb County. The chief deputy sheriff is authorized, when directed by the sheriff, to
28 discharge any and all of the duties and powers of the sheriff. In addition to said chief
29 deputy, said sheriff shall be authorized to name and appoint such additional deputies as
30 shall be approved from time to time by the governing authority of Cobb County. The
31 salaries of said additional deputies shall be set by the governing authority of Cobb County;
32 provided, however, that said salaries shall not be less than \$4,880.00 per annum per each
33 additional deputy approved by said governing authority of Cobb County. In addition to
34 said chief deputy and other deputies provided for in this subsection, the sheriff of Cobb
35 County shall be authorized to employ the clerical help necessary to perform properly the
36 functions and duties of his or her office, provided that the number of employees and
37 salaries or other compensation to be paid to each shall first be approved by the governing
38 authority of Cobb County.

39 (c) In addition to those employees provided for by subsection (b) of this section, there is
40 created the office of assistant chief deputy for Cobb County. The assistant chief deputy
41 shall be appointed by the sheriff, shall be under his or her direct supervision and control,
42 and shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff. The individual appointed by the sheriff of
43 Cobb County shall possess, at a minimum, a high school education or its equivalent and
44 shall either be a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy for
45 Peace Officers or possess ten years of actual experience as a peace officer or be a graduate
46 of a law school accredited by the Georgia Bar Association or be a graduate of the Southern
47 Police Institute School of Police Management and Administration or have a master's degree
48 from an accredited college or university. The salary of the assistant chief deputy shall be
49 \$118,745.24 per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb
50 County.

51 (d) In addition to those employees provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of this section,
52 there is created the position of executive assistant to the sheriff. The executive assistant
53 shall be appointed by the sheriff, shall be under his or her direct supervision and control,
54 and shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff. The sheriff shall establish such qualifications,
55 education, and experience as he or she deems necessary for the individual appointed to the
56 position of executive assistant. The salary of the executive assistant shall be \$71,347.41
57 per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb County."

58 **SECTION 2.**

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

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SECTION 3.

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