

House Bill 1412 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Rhodes of the 120th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide that certain officials of Greene County who have served at
2 least 15 years in office may, upon leaving, continue to participate in the county health
3 insurance program for themselves and their dependents by paying the total cost of such
4 participation, approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3664), as amended, so as to clarify the
5 qualifications for participation in such health insurance program; to provide that certain
6 officials of Greene County who have served at least 25 years in office may, upon leaving,
7 continue to participate in the county health insurance program for themselves and their
8 dependents with Greene County funding such coverage as it does for active employees; to
9 clarify who is covered under such provisions; to provide limits on coverages offered; to
10 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 An Act to provide that certain officials of Greene County who have served at least 15 years
14 in office may, upon leaving, continue to participate in the county health insurance program
15 for themselves and their dependents by paying the total cost of such participation, approved

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16 May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3664), as amended, is amended by revising Section 1 of the
17 Act as follows:

18 **"SECTION 1.**

19 Members of the Board of Commissioners of Greene County, the Clerk of the Superior
20 Court of Greene County, the Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County, the Sheriff of
21 Greene County, the Tax Commissioner of Greene County, and all full-time employees of
22 Greene County having served at least 15 years in office or employment, including any
23 combination thereof, with Greene County, Georgia, the County Governing Authority, shall
24 be entitled after leaving office, employment, or both to participate in and be covered by the
25 health insurance plan provided by the county for county officers and employees, provided
26 that he or she pays the total costs of such participation including both the employee and
27 employer premiums associated with such participation. Such coverage shall extend to the
28 officer, employee, or both only and shall specifically exclude any spousal or dependent
29 coverage. Such coverage shall only include health insurance and shall specifically exclude
30 any other voluntary insurance products that may be available to active employees of
31 Greene County."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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

34 **"SECTION 1.1.**

35 In addition to the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, members of the Board of
36 Commissioners of Greene County, the Clerk of the Superior Court of Greene County, the
37 Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County, the Sheriff of Greene County, the Tax
38 Commissioner of Greene County, and all full-time employees of Greene County having
39 served at least 25 years in office or employment, including any combination thereof, with

40 Greene County, Georgia, the County Governing Authority, shall be entitled after leaving
41 office, employment, or both to participate in and be covered by the health insurance plan
42 provided by the county for active county officers and employees, with Greene County
43 funding such coverage in the same manner as such coverage is funded for active employees
44 during any such health insurance plan year. Such coverage shall extend to the qualifying
45 spouse and dependents of any such officer or employee provided that he or she pays the
46 total costs of such participation for any such spouse and dependents. Such coverage shall
47 include any voluntary insurance products, including but not limited to dental and vision
48 insurance that may be available to active employees of Greene County, provided that he
49 or she pays the total costs of any premiums associated with such participation."

50 **SECTION 3.**

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

52 "SECTION 1.2.

53 Any officer or employee who is separated from service with the county as an elected
54 official or as an employee due to his or her commission of an illegal act shall not be
55 eligible to enjoy the benefits prescribed in Section 1 or Section 1.1 of this Act."

56 **SECTION 4.**

57 Said Act is further amended by adding a new section as follows:

58 "SECTION 1.3.

59 Any individual who is or becomes eligible for Medicare insurance coverage, regardless as
60 to whether or not he or she accepts such coverage, shall not be eligible to enjoy the benefits
61 prescribed in Section 1 or Section 1.1 of this Act."

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SECTION 5.

63 All laws and part of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.