

House Bill 749 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act amending, revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws pertaining to  
2 the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, approved February 28, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989,  
3 p. 3546), as amended, so as to revise the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the  
4 commission; to provide for contractual expenditures; to provide for related matters; to  
5 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act amending, revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws pertaining to the Board  
9 of Commissioners of Carroll County, approved February 28, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3546),  
10 as amended, is amended by revising Section 7 as follows:

11 "SECTION 7.

12 Compensation.

13 (a) The chairman shall receive an annual salary payable in equal monthly installments  
14 from funds of Carroll County. Such annual salary shall be equal to the base annual salary

15 and annual cost-of-living adjustment of the sheriff of Carroll County as computed under  
16 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-16-20 of the O.C.G.A., plus  
17 \$25,000.00. Such annual salary shall also be increased by a longevity increase as provided  
18 by Code Section 36-5-29 of the O.C.G.A. The chairman shall also be furnished with the  
19 use of an automobile provided by the county at county expense.

20 (b) Each member of the commission other than the chairperson shall receive an annual  
21 salary of \$20,250.00, payable in equal monthly installments from funds of Carroll County.  
22 Members of the commission shall be treated as full-time salary employees for the purposes  
23 of cost-of-living increases. On and after July 1, 2025, whenever Carroll County employees  
24 receive a cost-of-living increase, the annual base salary of the commissioners shall be  
25 increased by the greater, of either the same percentage or the same amount applicable to  
26 such full-time salary employees or the percentage or amount provided for under Code  
27 Section 36-5-28 of the O.C.G.A., whichever is greater for the applicable calendar year. If  
28 the cost-of-living increase received by such full-time salary county employees is in  
29 different percentages or different amounts as to certain categories of such full-time salary  
30 employees, the amount to which the commissioners are entitled, if applicable under this  
31 subsection, shall be increased by a percentage or an amount not to exceed the average  
32 percentage or average amount of the increase in salary granted to such full-time salary  
33 county employees. A budget resolution may state the average percentage increase or  
34 average amount increase when necessary.

35 (c) In addition to said salaries, the chairman shall receive an expense allowance of  
36 \$7,700.00 per year from county funds, and each other member of the commission shall  
37 receive an expense allowance of \$3,100.00 per year from funds of Carroll County.

38 (d) The amounts set forth in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section shall be subject to  
39 annual adjustments as provided for under Code Section 36-5-28 of the O.C.G.A., except  
40 that if the increase is a dollar amount, then it shall be converted to a percentage by dividing  
41 the amount by the average full-time salary of Carroll County employees."

**SECTION 2.**

Said Act is further amended by revising paragraph (22) of subsection (a) of Section 8 as follows:

"(22) To authorize all contracts, except for contracts of employment, involving the expenditure of county funds in excess of \$35,000.00. The amount set forth in this paragraph shall be subject to annual adjustments based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the United States. The CPI used for this purpose shall be the All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for All Items for the United States, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. On July 1, 2025, and each anniversary thereof, the amount authorized by this paragraph for the following fiscal year shall be increased by the percentage increase in the CPI for the most recent 12-month period available prior to the anniversary date. Any increase resulting from this provision shall be rounded to the nearest dollar."

**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

**SECTION 4.**

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