

House Bill 878 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 60th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Neal of the 74th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964
2 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, so as to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general of
3 the state court; to provide for supplements; to provide a salary cap; to provide that the
4 solicitor-general of said court may employ such assistant solicitors-general, deputy
5 solicitors-general, or other attorneys, investigators, paraprofessionals, clerical assistants, or
6 other employees or independent contractors as may be authorized by the Board of
7 Commissioners of Clayton County; to provide for compensation; to provide for
8 qualifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
9 purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964
13 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, is amended by striking in its entirety Section 6 and
14 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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15 "SECTION 6.

16 Salary of the solicitor-general.

17 (a) The solicitor-general of the State Court of Clayton County shall receive as a salary the
18 greater of:

19 (1) 95 percent of the total compensation of the Chief Judge of the State Court of Clayton
20 County plus 1.5 percent of such base salary and any supplement received pursuant to
21 state law or county ordinance multiplied by the number of complete years of service as
22 solicitor-general served by such person to be paid in biweekly installments from the funds
23 of Clayton County; or

24 (2) \$120,000 plus 1.5 percent of such base salary and any supplement received pursuant
25 to state law or county ordinance multiplied by the number of complete years of service
26 as solicitor-general served by such person since January 1, 2020, to be paid in biweekly
27 installments from the funds of Clayton County.

28 (b) In no event shall the solicitor-general's total salary as provided for in subsection (a) of
29 this section exceed the greater of \$161,358.25 or 95 percent of the total compensation of
30 the Chief Judge of the State Court of Clayton County."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 Said Act is further amended by inserting following Section 7 a new section to read as
33 follows:

34 "SECTION 7A.

35 (a) The solicitor-general may employ such assistant solicitors-general, deputy
36 solicitors-general, or other attorneys, investigators, paraprofessionals, clerical assistants,
37 or other employees or independent contractors as may be authorized by the board of

38 commissioners. Such personnel shall be compensated by the county in a manner and
39 amount fixed by the solicitor-general with the approval of the board of commissioners.

40 (b) Any investigator employed pursuant to this section shall meet the qualifications for
41 certification as a peace officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., the
42 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.' Such investigators shall exercise all
43 powers of a peace officer, including the power to make arrests and to apply for, execute,
44 and return any warrant, rule, order, or process within Clayton County."

45 **SECTION 3.**

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