

House Bill 72

By: Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Bruce of the 61st, Glaize of the 67th, Naghise of the 68th, Willis of the 55th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to home
2 rule powers, so as to revise provisions relating to compensation and benefits for employees
3 and members of governing authorities; to provide for elections; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to home rule
8 powers, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-35-4,
9 relating to compensation and benefits for employees and members of governing authority,
10 as follows:

11 "(1)(A) Any such increase shall not be effective until after the taking of office of those
12 elected at the next regular municipal election which is held immediately following the
13 date on which the action to increase the compensation was taken; and
14 (B) Any such increase becoming effective after a regular municipal election held
15 in 2023 or anytime thereafter that exceeds 20 percent of the then-current salary or
16 compensation shall not, if the number of elective members of the municipal governing

17 authority exceeds six members, be effective unless or until it is approved by a vote of
18 the electors residing in the municipality at the next regular municipal election held after
19 action is taken by the municipal governing authority pursuant to this subsection. It shall
20 be the duty of the election superintendent to hold and conduct the election and certify
21 the result thereof to the Secretary of State;"

22 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.