

Senate Bill 265

By: Senator Williams of the 27th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroner of Forsyth County; to
2 provide for annual cost-of-living adjustment increases for the coroner; to provide for salary
3 supplements for the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The coroner of Forsyth County shall receive compensation in the form of a base annual
8 salary of \$53,000.00 paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Forsyth County.
9 Deputy coroners shall only be compensated via investigation fees established in Code
10 Section 45-16-27 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Annual cost-of-living adjustment increases may be authorized by the Forsyth County Board
13 of Commissioners, in its reasonable discretion. Whenever county employees receive a
14 cost-of-living adjustment increase of a certain percentage, the compensation for the coroner
15 of Forsyth County fixed in Section 1 of this Act shall be increased by the same percentage.
16 If cost-of-living adjustment increases are authorized for both employees and for the county's
17 salary range schedule during the same fiscal year, the coroner's salary, fixed in Section 1 of
18 this Act, shall be adjusted by whichever cost-of-living adjustment is greater. The periodic
19 changes in the compensation for the coroner of Forsyth County fixed in Section 1 of this Act,
20 as authorized by this section, shall become effective on the first day of January following the
21 date that the cost-of-living adjustment increases received by county employees become
22 effective; provided, however, that if the cost-of-living increases received by county
23 employees become effective on January 1, such periodic changes in the compensation for the
24 coroner of Forsyth County fixed in Section 1 of this Act, as authorized by this section, shall

25 become effective on the same date that the cost-of-living adjustment increases received by
26 county employees become effective.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 In addition to the compensation provided in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act, the Forsyth County
29 Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to provide a salary supplement to the coroner.
30 If the governing authority authorizes any such supplement, the governing authority may not
31 rescind the supplement, in whole or in part, at any time during any term of office for the
32 coroner of Forsyth County during which the supplement was paid. The governing authority
33 may rescind, in whole or in part, any previously approved supplement only to be effective
34 at the commencement of a new term of office for the coroner of Forsyth County, regardless
35 of whether the individual holding the position at commencement is the same or has changed.
36 Any supplements approved pursuant to this section shall not be included in the calculation
37 of cost-of-living increases pursuant to Section 2 of this Act.

38 **SECTION 4.**

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