

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To establish an Act providing that the governing body of each county comprising the Atlantic Judicial Circuit shall supplement the compensation, salary, expenses, and allowances of each of the judges of the superior courts of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing that in addition to the compensation, salary, expenses, and allowances presently received by the judges of the superior courts of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit from the State of Georgia or from any other source, the governing authority of each county comprising the Atlantic Judicial Circuit shall supplement the compensation, salary, expenses, and allowances of each of the judges of the superior courts of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. The division of payment among the six counties shall not be less than the following amounts for each judge:

Bryan.....	\$ 750.00 per month
Evans.....	\$ 250.00 ^{300.00} per month
Liberty.....	\$1,500.00 per month
Long.....	\$ 350.00 per month
McIntosh.....	\$ 375.00 per month
Tattnall.....	\$ 600.00 per month

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.



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VIA HAND DELIVERY

February 27, 2020

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Tattnall County Commissioners
111 North Main Street
Reidsville, Georgia 30453

RE: Superior Court Judges' Supplements

Dear Mr. Trim:

As you are aware, the Judges of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit currently receive salary supplements that are apportioned every year through the budget process.

After consulting with the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts and the Council of Superior Court Judges, it was recommended that supplemental salaries be paid pursuant to local legislation. This will ensure compliance with federal law by allowing the withholding of FICA contributions, including Social Security and Medicare taxes. Almost every county in the state of Georgia pays judicial supplements in this manner.

A copy of the legislation is enclosed for reference. The legislation does provide for an increase in supplemental pay consistent with our sister circuits. As of August 1, 2018, supplemental pay compared to some of our sister circuits in the area of similar size was as follows:

Circuit	Counties Within Circuit	Amount of Salary Supplement
Atlantic	Bryan, Evans, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Tattnall	\$30,000.00 ¹
Brunswick	Appling, Camden, Glynn, Jeff Davis and Wayne	\$64,623.00
Ogeechee	Bulloch, Effingham, Jenkins and Screven	\$41,490.00
Waycross	Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce and Ware	\$40,800.00

¹ Based on proposed 2020-2021 budget.

Counties:

Bryan • Evans • Liberty • Long • McIntosh • Tattnall

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The proposed local legislation would increase judicial supplements and bring us closer in line with our sister circuits.

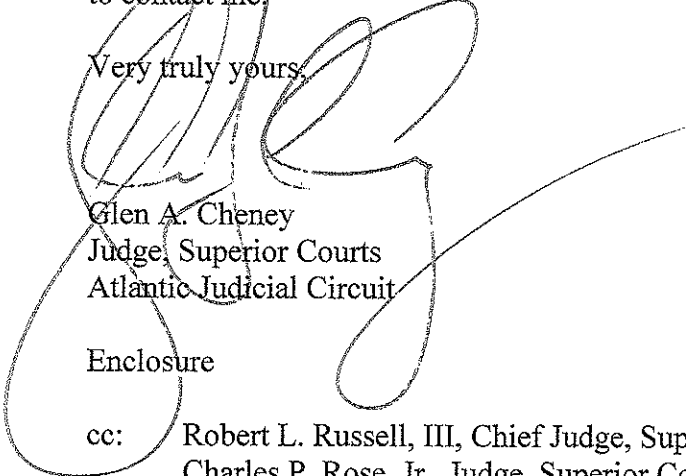
Please note that the supplement equates to an increase of \$141.30 per month per judge for our smallest county, Evans County, and an increase of \$580.00 per month per judge for our largest county, Liberty County. The exact amounts of the increase for each county are shown on the enclosed table.

Please note that the legislation does not provide for incremental increases in the future. Any future adjustments would have to be addressed by new legislation.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for the County's support of the local legislation. I would ask that you, please, evidence the County's support of the legislation in writing. I have taken the liberty of preparing a letter, which is enclosed. You may use this letter as a template, or you may draft your own letter. Once you have prepared your letter, I ask that you please forward it to me at jgacac@outlook.com.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Judge, Superior Courts
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Enclosure

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Frank Murphy, County Manager

County	2019-2020 Payments Per Judge Per Month	Payments under Legislation Per Judge Per Month	Difference
Bryan	\$437.00	\$750.00	\$313.00
Evans	\$158.70	\$300.00	\$141.30
Liberty	\$920.00	\$1,500.00	\$580.00
Long	\$209.30	\$350.00	\$140.70
McIntosh	\$207.00	\$375.00	\$168.00
Tattnall	\$368.00	\$600.00	\$232.00