

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PUBLICATION OF QUALIFYING FEES FOR EACH COUNTY OFFICE TO BE FILLED IN THE UPCOMING PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, it is the duty of the governing authority to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each County office to be filled in the upcoming primary and general election by February 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fees to run for the office of superior court clerk, probate judge, magistrate judge, sheriff, and tax commissioner must be set at three percent (3%) of the minimum base salary specified in state law for each county as determined by the United States decennial census of 2010 or any future such census. See O.C.G.A. §§ 15-6-88(a) (superior court clerks), 15-9-63(a)(1) (probate judge), 15-10-23(a) (magistrate judge), 15-16-20(a)(1) (sheriff), and 48-5-183(b)(1) (tax commissioner). In calculating the qualifying fee for such county officers and the magistrate judge the minimum base salary is not to be adjusted to reflect supplements, cost-of-living increases, and/or longevity increases; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fees to run for the office of members of the county governing authority (the county commission) must be set at three percent (3%) of the base salary established by local legislation unless the commissioners have set a higher salary using their home rule authority. In those counties where the commissioners have exercised home rule power to increase their compensation, the qualifying fee is three percent (3%) of whichever salary is higher. See O.C.G.A. § 36-5-24. As with other county officers and

the magistrate judge, the base salary for commissioners is not adjusted to reflect supplements, cost-of-living increases, and/or longevity increases; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fee to run for all other elected county offices, specifically the office of coroner, state court judge, surveyor and school board member, is three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the previous year, including all supplements authorized by law; or if the elected official is not paid a salary, the commissioners must set a fee that is not more than three percent (3%) of the income that the elected official earned from the office in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fees for state officials, specifically legislators, superior court judges, and district attorneys, are set by the Georgia Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, the Board of Commissioners hereby sets and publishes the qualifying fees for each County office to be filled in the upcoming primary and general election as follows:

Probate Judge	-	\$3,280.11
Clerk of Superior Court	-	\$3,280.11
Sheriff	-	\$3,390.17
Tax Commissioner	-	\$3,280.11
Chief Magistrate Court Judge	-	\$3,345.71
Solicitor General	-	\$5,030.27
State Court Judge Sonyja George	-	\$4,960.60
State Court Judge Shalonda Jones-Parker	-	\$5,239.29
County Commission Chair	-	\$4,312.80
County Commissioner District 2	-	\$1,068.00
County Commissioner District 3	-	\$1,068.00

Board of Education - \$720.00

Surveyor - \$35.00

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN



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COURTNEY RUSHIN, CLERK