

AN ACT TO CREATE
THE
NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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(Local Legislation Affecting Same Through May 20, 1990 Session)

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ARTICLE 1

"BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS"

DISTRICTS:

Section 1-101.

(a) There shall be a Board of Commissioners of Newton County which shall consist of five (5) members. For purposes of electing members of the Board, Newton County is divided into five (5) commissioner districts as follows:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 1

Newton

Tract 1002

Tract 1003

Blocks 310 and 311

Tract 1008

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 2

Newton

Tract 1005

That portion of Block 114 outside of City of Covington

That portion of Block 115 outside of City of Covington which lies south of Brown Bridge Road

That portion of Block 116 outside of City of Covington which lies south of Beaverdam Creek

Blocks 117, 118, and 120 through 126

Tract 1006

Blocks 111 through 126

That portion of Block 133 inside the City of Porterdale

Blocks 134 through 136 and 138 through 152

Tract 1009

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 3

Newton

Tract 1001

Block Group 1

Those parts of Blocks 209 and 210 which lie west of Alcovy Road
Blocks 213 through 250, 260, and 301 through 309

Tract 1004

Block 101

Those parts of Blocks 102 and 103 outside of City of Covington
Blocks 104 through 107

That part of Block 108 inside the City of Oxford

Blocks 109 through 124

That part of Block 125 which lies west of County Road 59

Blocks 126 and 129 through 136

That part of Block 201 outside the City of Covington

Tract 1005

Blocks 101 through 108

That part of Block 109 outside the City of Porterdale

Blocks 110 through 112

That part of Block 113 which lies west of Womack Road and north
of Kirkland Road

Blocks 119 and 130 through 132

Tract 1006

Those parts of Blocks 108 and 109 outside the City of Porterdale
Block 110

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 4

Newton

Tract 1004

Those parts of Block 108 outside the City of Oxford

That part of Block 125 which lies east of County Road 59

Blocks 127, 128, 208, 211, 212, 216, 217, 221 through 238, 240, 249,
250, 301 through 308, and 311 through 314

Tract 1005

That part of Block 109 inside the City of Porterdale

That part of Block 113 which lies east of County Road 306

That part of Block 114 inside the City of Covington

That part of Block 115 which lies east of County Road 306

That part of Block 116 which lies north and east of County Road 448

Tract 1006

Blocks 101 through 107

Those parts of Blocks 108 and 109 inside the City of Porterdale

Blocks 127 through 132

That part of Block 133 inside the City of Covington

Tract 1007

Blocks 104 through 109, 114 through 121, and 125 through 132

That part of Block 134 which lies west of Rebecca Street or south of Pinecrest Drive

Blocks 136 through 143

That part of Block 144 inside the City of Covington

Blocks 145, 146, and 156 through 158

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 5

Newton

Tract 1001

Blocks 201 through 208

Those parts of Blocks 209 and 210 which lie southeast of Alcovy Road

Blocks 211, 212 and 310

Tract 1003

Blocks 101 through 150 and 160

Block Group 2

Blocks 301 through 309

Tract 1004

Those parts of Blocks 102, 103 and 201 inside the City of Covington

Blocks 202 through 207, 213 through 215, 218 through 220, 239, 241 through 248, 309 and 310

Tract 1006

That part of Block 133 in unincorporated Newton County

Tract 1007

Blocks 101, 102, 110 through 113, 122 through 124, and 133

That part of Block 134 which lies east of Rebecca Street and north of Pinecrest Drive

Block 135

That part of Block 144 outside the City of Covington

Blocks 147 and 155

(b) For the purposes of this Section:

- (1) The terms "Tract" or "Census Tract", "Block Group" and "Block" shall mean and shall describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 1980 for the State of Georgia.
- (2) Whenever the description of any commissioner district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 1980 for the State of Georgia.

- (3) Any part of Newton County which is not included in any district described in this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 1980 for the State of Georgia.

(c) The terms of the members in office on the effective date of this section shall not be affected by this section. At the general election next preceding the expiration of the term of each member, a successor shall be elected from the commissioner district described in this section which is designated by the same number as the district from which the incumbent was elected.

MEMBERS:
Section 1-102.

There shall be elected to the Board of Commissioners of Newton County one member from each of the commissioner districts who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the commissioner district which he represents only. Candidates shall offer for election to the board from the commissioner district in which their legal residence lies.

TERMS:
Section 1-103.

The terms of office of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County in office on December 31, 1976, shall expire on January 1, 1977. At the 1976 general election, members of the board from all five commissioner districts shall be elected. The members elected at said election from commissioner districts 2 and 4 shall take office on January 1, 1977, and shall serve terms of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The members elected at said election from commissioner districts 1, 3 and 5 shall take office on January 1, 1977, and shall serve four-year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, members who are elected to succeed members of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, as provided for herein, shall be elected at the general election which is conducted in that year in which the members' respective terms of office expire, shall take office on the first day of January following their election, and shall serve for a term of four years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ELIGIBILITY:
Section 1-104.

No person shall be eligible to represent a commissioner district unless he is at least 21 years of age and has been a resident of the State at least one year and a resident of the district from which he offers as a candidate for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the election. In the event a member moves his residence from the district from which he qualified, his place on the board shall

immediately become vacant.

CHAIRMAN:
Section 1-105.

There shall be a Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County who shall be elected by the qualified electors of the entire county. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County in office on January 1, 1976, shall serve as Chairman for the remainder of his term and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to the Chairman of said board shall be elected at the general election which is conducted in that year in which the term of office expires, and shall take office on the first day of January following such election for a term of four years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Any person desiring to offer as a candidate for election as Chairman of said board shall specifically designate that he is running for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County. No person shall be eligible to serve as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County unless he is at least 21 years of age, a freeholder, and has been a resident of the State at least one year and a resident of Newton County for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the election. In the event the Chairman moves his residence from Newton County, the office of Chairman shall be declared vacant.

SALARY OF CHAIRMAN:
Section 1-106.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County shall receive a base salary of \$15,000.00 per annum, to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Newton County. In addition to such base salary, the Chairman shall also receive a longevity increase for each year actually served, effective on July 1, for the years 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981. Such longevity increase for each of said years shall be the lesser of \$600.00 per year or the amount for that year derived by multiplying the base salary by a percentage equal to the difference in the United States Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items - United States City Average, as such index is calculated for June of each such year and such index as it exists for the month of July, 1977. Such longevity increase shall be calculated in June of each such year and shall be payable in equal monthly installments from county funds beginning with the month of July of each such year with the first such increase becoming payable on July 1, 1978.

NOTE: THIS SECTION HAS BEEN REPEALED BY IMPLICATION AND THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS NOW DETERMINED BY AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THE SHERIFF, THE TAX COMMISSIONER, THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT, THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY TO

REFLECT INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; APPROVED April 6, 1981 (1981 Ga. Laws, p. 3304), and amended March 21, 1989 (1989 Ga. Laws, p. 3983). THE TEXT OF THIS ACT IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A".

SALARY OF MEMBERS:

Section 1-106A.

(a) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall receive a salary supplement of \$500.00 per month. Such salary supplement shall be in addition to the salary and salary supplement received by the Chairman pursuant to an Act providing for the compensation of certain Newton County officials, approved April 6, 1981 (Ga. Law, p. 3304), as now or hereafter amended.

(b) The members of the Board of Commissioners other than the Chairman shall receive a salary of \$600.00 per month.

EXPENSES:

Section 1-107.

(a) (1) In addition to other compensation provided by law, the Chairman and members of the Board of Commissioners shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, excluding mileage or transportation costs, when the Chairman and members are out of town overnight on county business.

(2) In addition to the compensation provided for herein, the Chairman and the members of the Board of Commissioners shall receive reimbursement for mileage driven on county business in personal vehicles. Such reimbursement shall correspond to the rate per mile authorized for employees of the State of Georgia.

(b) The reimbursements provided for in subsection (a) shall be paid only upon presentation of an itemized statement of expenses and mileage.

BONDS:

Section 1-108.

The commissioners, before entering upon their duties of office, shall give a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the Judge of the Probate Court of said county in the sum of \$10,000.00 for the faithful discharge of their duties as county commissioners. For any violations or neglect of duty as provided by this Act, said bonds shall become actionable, suit thereon to be brought in the name of the Judge of the Probate Court of said county, for the use of any person damaged thereby, or for the County of Newton

for any breach thereof by malfeasance or misfeasance in office or for any tort, or wrong committed under color of his office. The commissioners shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, make oath before the Judge of the Probate Court of said county to faithfully administer all things and affairs coming under their jurisdiction as county commissioners to the best interests of said county and to carry out the provisions of this Act.

CLERK:

Section 1-109.

The board shall have a clerk to keep all books and records of said board. Said clerk shall perform all duties required of him by said board in keeping the board's office open and all records open to public inspection by any taxpayer of Newton County. Said clerk shall receive such compensation as shall be determined by the board, which compensation shall be payable from the funds of Newton County.

PURCHASES:

Section 1-110.

It shall be unlawful for any candidate for election to the board or for any nomination therefor to enter into any agreement or understanding with any person or persons as to the disposal of any work, the purchase of any supplies, or any appointment which is or shall be under the control of the board, and any person so offending shall be ineligible to hold said office, and upon conviction shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

VACANCY:

Section 1-111.

In the event a vacancy occurs on the Board of Commissioners of Newton County by death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining members shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next general election, at which time a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term. Any person appointed by the board to fill a vacancy shall reside within the commissioner district in which said vacancy occurred, and any person elected to fill in a vacancy shall reside within the commissioner district in which said vacancy occurred and shall be elected in the same manner as the member whose position is vacant. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County by death, resignation or otherwise, the board of commissioners shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next general election, at which time a person shall be elected to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE 2

"POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHAIRMAN"

POWERS:

Section 2-101.

The Board of Commissioners of Newton County shall be the policymaking body of Newton County. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County shall be the administrative officer of the county and unless otherwise prohibited, his acts shall be binding unless three members of the board shall make their objections known within thirty days of his act, stating the reasons therefor, at an official meeting of the board, or if a meeting is not scheduled to be held prior to said action by said chairman, then three members of the board shall make their objections known to the chairman, in writing, stating their objections and the reasons therefor, and said action by the Chairman shall be stayed until the next official meeting of the board. At such official meeting of the board, a majority of said board may vote to override the action of the chairman and thereby render this prior action nugatory. The chairman may vote on a question only when the members of the board shall be evenly divided thereon.

POWERS:

Section 2-102.

The board of commissioners shall at no time enter into administrative acts, contact employees or personnel of said county in relation to any duty or work habits of said employee, request any service or actions on the part of said employee except through the chairman, unless as hereinafter set out in Section 2-103 and 2-107.

CONTROL:

Section 2-103.

The chairman of the board of commissioners shall have the power and authority to hire and fire all employees of the road and bridge department. The chairman shall have the power and authority to hire and fire other county employees with the approval of a majority of the board; provided, however, the chairman and the board shall have no authority to hire and fire employees of other elected county officials and the Board of Tax Appraisers. The salary and wage ranges and numbers of employees in each range shall be set by the board at their first meeting of each fiscal year. It shall be at the discretion of the chairman as to the amount to be paid within said range. The chairman shall report to the board at its regular monthly meetings all positions to be filled in the ensuing month and all suspensions or replacements thereof which took place in the prior month. All said reports shall be spread upon the minutes of the board.

WORK SPECIFICATIONS:

Section 2-104.

The board shall set all specifications for work to be done in the county, such specifications may be delegated to the chairman but only by an affirmative vote of three (3) members of the board. The board shall make periodic inspections of the county properties and of the work being carried on by the county and the board shall, upon request, make report to the first grand jury meeting in Newton County each calendar year of the financial condition of Newton County and of the progress of the works being carried on by the county.

FAILURE TO EXERCISE POWER:

Section 2-105.

Should the chairman fail to exercise any of his duties provided for by law, then a member of the board, at the next regular meeting, may bring an accusation against such chairman in writing and outlining the duties which such chairman has failed to exercise, and order said chairman to show cause why such duties have not been exercised. Such accusation shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting. The chairman shall then be afforded an opportunity to respond to such charges and show cause why such duties have not been exercised, if in fact such duties were not exercised. Such response shall also be entered in the minutes of the meeting. If, after such accusation, response and further discussion, a majority of the board, excluding the chairman, feels that it is necessary for the welfare of the county to compel such chairman to exercise such duties, the board may exercise the duty themselves or may make a written request to the Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County to issue a writ of mandamus commanding the chairman to exercise such duties.

CLERK:

Section 2-106.

The board of commissioners shall have the authority to hire a clerk of the board and may also hire a deputy clerk.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Section 2-107.

The board of commissioners shall elect the county attorney by affirmative vote of three of the members of the board, and he shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

ARTICLE 3

"MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS"

MEETINGS:

Section 3-101.

The board of commissioners shall hold two meetings per month which shall be called regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, and the board shall designate at their first meeting of the year what days of the month said regular meetings shall be held. There shall be such other special or called meetings as may be called by the chairman during each month, and upon the refusal of the chairman to call any special or called meeting, requested by a member, then said meeting may be held by said member posting with the clerk of the county commissioners his notice, in writing, at least one day in advance, of said meeting his intention of holding said meeting, the reason for holding said meeting, and same shall have affixed thereto the signature of two members of the board of commissioners, including the member requesting the meeting.

NOTICE:

Section 3-102.

Any matters which any individual member wishes to be brought before the board shall be submitted to the chairman in writing on the day previous to the regular meeting day or on the day previous to such called meeting. If the chairman is out of town or cannot be located or reached, said notice may be given by leaving a written copy of the matter to be brought before the board with the clerk of the board of commissioners.

CALENDAR:

Section 3-103.

All matters so requested by the board shall be entered upon a calendar prepared by the chairman, along with matters to be brought before the board by the chairman, in an orderly fashion for the deliberations of the board.

CALLING BEFORE BOARD:

Section 3-104.

No person or any employee or official of Newton County shall be called before said board except by the chairman. Should the chairman refuse to call any person before the board, as requested by any member of the board, then upon the vote of three of the members of the board, the board may direct to the clerk to call such person or county employee or official before the board; all such directions by the board shall be spread upon the minutes of the board.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN:
Section 3-105.

Should the chairman be absent from any meeting, then the board may require, by a vote of three of the members of the board, the clerk to call such person, county employee, or official before said board. In the vent of the absence of the chairman, the board may elect a vice chairman of the board who shall act as chairman during the absence of the chairman.

ARTICLE 4

"FINANCE"

BUDGET:
Section 4-101.

(a) The board of commissioners shall prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year to begin July 1st of each year and going through June 30th of the following year. The budget shall be prepared by the 15th of June of each year, said budget to be published in the legal organ, wherein the sheriff's advertisements appear in Newton County, by the first week in July of each year. Said budget shall set forth all the anticipated revenues for the ensuing fiscal year setting forth in detail all categories where funds are to be received or expended. Said budget shall not exceed the anticipated revenues of Newton County as based upon the tax digest for the current tax year as approved and upon such other moneys as were received by Newton County from all other sources during the previous fiscal year.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of any other law to the contrary, the Judge of the Probate Court, the Sheriff, the Clerk of the Superior Court and the Tax Commissioner of Newton County shall prepare budgets for the ensuing fiscal year based on the same fiscal year as the board of commissioners and shall submit such budgets by June 1 of each year.

ADMINISTRATION:
Section 4-102.

Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, with regard to the budget of any elected official of Newton County, who is required under law to submit a budget for the operation of his office to the board of commissioners, said commissioners shall have the power and authority to determine the amount which shall represent the final budget of said official and only those amounts so determined by said board shall be paid from the funds of the county. After the board of commissioners approve the budget of the elected officials of Newton County, it will become the responsibility of the elected official to administer the budget.

VOUCHERS:

Section 4-103.

The chairman shall keep a book of vouchers signed by the party or parties from whom supplies may be bought and by such party or parties itemized in every important particular, stating the number of articles or pounds, etc., rate, price, the purpose for which to be used, and the total amount received. The chairman shall keep all vouchers properly bound and accessible to public inspection and for the use of the grand jury or the auditor. Any purchases of items whose aggregate purchase price shall be in excess of \$500.00 shall be approved by the full board before being authorized.

BIDS:

Section 4-104.

The chairman, before making any purchase which individually or in an aggregate is in excess of \$500.00, shall have the approval of the majority of the board and competitive bids shall be taken; however, said bids may be waived by the unanimous consent of the board with all five board members and the chairman signing said purchase order and said purchase order being entered into the minutes of the meeting when approved.

ROAD WORK:

Section 4-105.

The chairman shall carry out all road work, have complete control as to the manner and methods which said road projects are to be carried out; however, prior to the beginning of construction on any road or road project, the chairman shall bring said project to the attention of the board, giving an estimated cost of its completion, including all labor, materials and subcontract costs which would be encountered therein.

The board of commissioners shall designate what road work, building or other works of the county, which shall be taken up by the chairman. All such instructions shall be entered into the minutes. The board shall not authorize or set forth any expenditures which would cost in excess of the amount of funds budgeted. No work shall be instituted without the affirmative vote of three commissioners, excepting the chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

Section 4-106.

The chairman's signature is required on all checks or vouchers issued by Newton County and any voucher issued and/or signed by the chairman, shall be deemed to be signed with his full knowledge of the intent and purposes for which said clerk or voucher was issued.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Section 4-107.

The chairman shall present to the board of commissioners at their first meeting in each month a financial statement showing to the commissioners expenditures and income of the previous month.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

Section 4-108.

One of the members of the board of commissioners so designated shall sign each voucher or check along with the chairman of the board of commissioners. Said board shall designate from its membership such member to sign such checks and vouchers. It shall be deemed that any voucher issued and/or signed by said member of the board was signed with the full knowledge and cognizance of what said voucher or check was paid for and purposes for which same is or was to be used. Any check or voucher so signed or issued by said member shall be considered the action of all members of the board unless objected to, in writing, within sixty (60) days after issuance.

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT:

Section 4-109.

The chairman shall, at the end of each month, make out an itemized account of all the transactions of his office, stating the amount of money or moneys received and from what source, the amount of money or moneys expended and for what purposes during that month, and post the same on the bulletin board at the courthouse within ten days after the end of each month, there to remain for a period of thirty days. He shall undersign each monthly statement so posted and make oath as to the correctness of same before the judge of the probate court of said county.

PENALTY:

Section 4-110.

It shall be a misdemeanor for any member of the board, the clerk or anyone serving under the board or anyone employed upon the road force of Newton County to have any financial interest in the sale or purchase of any article or work done to or from the county. Any person so offending shall upon conviction be punished as for a misdemeanor.

AUDIT:

Section 4-111.

The board of commissioners in January following each election year shall appoint a board of auditors or auditor who shall be certified public accountants to audit the

books and accounts of the board, the sheriff, the judge of the probate court, the tax commissioners, and the clerk of the superior court, and it shall be the duty of said auditor and the board to audit all the books, accounts, and transactions of the board, the sheriff, the judge of the probate court, the tax commissioner, and the clerk of the superior court, and said auditors shall have the power to examine on oath all commissioners or any other public official set out herein or any person serving under the board or any other public official set out herein relative to any account or item on said books and accounts or any transaction in said office. Said auditor shall perform its duties herein prescribed and submit a report of its findings to the grand jury sitting at the fall term of the Newton Superior Court. The board employing said auditors shall prescribe what sum shall be paid for said work and said board shall be required to draw its warrant for this amount and pay said auditors as the case may be for their services in this behalf. Said report to be published in county newspapers where legal advertisements are published.

EXHIBIT "A"

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THE SHERIFF, THE TAX COMMISSIONER, THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT, THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY TO REFLECT INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; APPROVED April 6, 1981 (1981 Ga. Laws, p. 3304), and amended March 21, 1989 (1989 Ga. Laws, p. 3983), which reads as follows:

Section 1.

As used in this Act, the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "General Law" means any of the following Acts of the General Assembly:
 - (1) An Act providing a schedule of minimum salaries for the Tax Collectors and Tax Commissioners of the various counties within the State of Georgia, approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. Laws 1976, p. 988), as now or hereafter amended;
 - (2) An Act providing a schedule of minimum salaries for the Sheriffs of the various counties within the State of Georgia, approved April 2, 1971 (Ga. Laws 1971, p. 380), as now or hereafter amended;
 - (3) An Act providing a schedule of minimum salaries for the Clerks of Superior Courts of the various counties within the State of Georgia, approved March 30, 1973 (Ga. Laws 1973, p. 256), as now or hereafter amended;
 - (4) An Act providing a schedule of minimum salaries for the Judges of Probate Courts of the various counties within the State of Georgia, approved March 21, 1974 (Ga. Laws 1974, p. 455), as now or hereafter amended.
- (b) "Newton County officers" means the Sheriff, the Tax Commissioner, the Judge of the Probate Court, the Clerk of the Superior Court, and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County.

Section 2.

- (a) On or after the effective date of this Act, each Newton County officer shall receive an annual salary which shall be equal to the highest minimum annual salary, including increases based on years of service, established by

any general law for any county officer of Newton County. Such salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Newton County.

- (b) Each Newton County officer shall also be entitled to any expenses, other than salary, provided by local law.
- (c) In addition to the salary and expenses provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall receive a supplement of \$200.00 per month to be paid from the general funds of Newton County.

Section 3.

It is the intent of this Act to provide a salary system for certain officers of Newton County in order to reflect increases in the cost of living.

Section 4.

This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without his approval.

Section 5.

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