



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Agenda Item

File ID: 2022-1112

Substitute

1/25/2022

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Voter Registration & Elections

### **SUBJECT:**

Commission District(s): All Districts

Establishing Qualifying Fees for Public Office

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### **PURPOSE:**

To set the qualifying fees for each county office to be filled in the upcoming primaries and elections as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131.

### **NEED/IMPACT:**

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 requires the governing authority of any county, not later than February 1 of any year in which a primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held, to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election.

### **County Commissioners**

Qualifying fees to run for the Board of Commissioners must be set at 3% of the base salary set pursuant to the 2018 Salary Ordinance. For purposes of calculating the qualifying fees for these offices, base salaries are not adjusted to include supplements, cost-of-living increases, or longevity increases.

### **All Other Elected County Officers**

Qualifying fees to run for the office of solicitor, state court judge, and school board member is 3% of the total gross salary of the office paid in 2021, including all supplements authorized by law. If the elected official is not paid a salary, the commissioners must set a fee that is not more than 3 percent of the income that the elected official earned from the office in 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fees collected by the county superintendent are applied to the cost of holding the elections, except that a portion of fees paid by a person qualifying as a candidate of a political party are paid to the political party as set forth in O.C. G.A. § 21-2-131.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve and set the qualifying fees for each county office to be filled in the upcoming elections as set forth in the attached schedule.



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## Office

Board of Commissioners  
Judge, State Court of DeKalb County  
Board of Education

## Salary

\$ 64,741.60  
\$168,751.17  
\$ 18,000.00

## Qualifying Fee

\$1,942.25  
\$5,062.54  
\$ 540.00