



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Commission District(s): All Districts  
Establishing Qualifying Fees for Public Office

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** 1. Substitute 2022 01.25 Item 2022-1112

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
1/25/2022	1	Board of Commissioners	approved substitute	Pass
1/18/2022	1	OPS-County Operations Committee	recommended for approval.	Pass
1/18/2022	1	Committee of the Whole	Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned Substitute	

**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.

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Qualifying Fee</u></b>
Board of Commissioners	\$ 64,741.60	\$1,942.25
Judge, State Court of DeKalb County	\$168,751.17	\$5,062.54
Board of Education	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 540.00