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Is your city ready for a Municipal Prosecuting Attorney?



A Cost/Benefit Analysis

Background

- What is a municipal court?
- What is important about municipal courts?
- Duties of a municipal prosecutor?



Senate Bill 352

2012 Georgia Law O.C.G.A. § 15-18-91

- What did this new law do?
- What it did **NOT** do?
- What was the legislatures goal?



Financial Management Costs

General & Administrative

♦ Municipal Court Solicitor

Summary of Data

2010 Salaries among Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers across Georgia									
Area Name	Group	Number reporting	Total Employment		Hourly Median Wage		Annual Median Wage		
Albany			Minimum	Maximum	Average	Highest	Number of employees		
Athens-Clark County	A	3	68,022	109,600	16.67	19.14	3		
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta	B	2	51,212	51,212	20.64	20.64	2		
Augusta - Richmond County	C	1	27,915	27,915	15.36	15.36	1		
Columbus	D	1	18,000	18,000	16.61	16.61	1		
Dalton	Total/Avg	7	41,287	51,682	16.97	18.48	7		
**Figures calculated using annual salaries and annualized hourly wages, excluding amounts reported as paid "Per Occurrence"									
Hinesville - Fort Stewart					17.89	17.89			
Macon	Population Group Data				17.19	17.19			
Valdosta					16.07	16.07			
North Georgia	Group	Jurisdiction	2013 Population	Minimum entry-level wage	Maximum wage	Wage reported as	Number of scheduled hours	Number of full-time employees*	
Middle Georgia	A	Atlanta	447,841	109,600.00	182,600.00	Annual	15.59	1	
East Georgia		Roswell	94,034	60,599.00	73,000.00	Annual	14.41	1	
South Georgia		Smyrna	53,438	33,867.00	40,867.00	Annual	14.52	1	
Totals	C	Moultrie	14,622	27,915.00	20,000.00	Annual	18.47	1	
	D	Cedartown	9,782	18,000.00	20,000.00	Annual	18.47	1	

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2012-2013 Edition



Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs - 2014 Municipal Government Wage and Salary Survey

Financial Management Benefits

- Appearance of Fairness
- Increased Efficiency
- Ancillary Legal Benefit
- Increased Effectiveness
- Pre-Trial Diversion Programs
- Public Perception Improvement



Conclusion

- Politics
- So how do we proceed?
- Questions?

