

Senate Bill 132

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd,  
Black of the 8th and others

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as  
2 to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council  
3 of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to revise provisions relating to the transmission of such  
4 forms; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code  
5 of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and general provisions for child  
6 custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to  
7 require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
8 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **PART I**

11 **SECTION 1-1.**

12 Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended by  
13 revising Code Section 9-11-133, relating to forms meeting requirements for civil case filing  
14 and disposition, as follows:

15 "9-11-133.

16 ~~(a) The forms set out in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this Code section or forms~~  
17 ~~substantially similar to such forms shall be sufficient to meet the requirements~~ The Judicial  
18 Council of Georgia, with the approval of the Supreme Court, shall promulgate forms to be  
19 used for civil case filing and disposition forms information; provided, however, that the  
20 general civil case filing information form and domestic relations case filing information  
21 form shall be required to contain an acknowledgment by the filer that the complaint and  
22 any exhibits or other attachments satisfy the redaction requirements of Code Section  
23 9-11-7.1. ~~The civil case forms set out in Exhibit F of the 'Report and Recommendations~~  
24 ~~of the 1997-1998 Court Filings Committee' published by the State Bar of Georgia and~~  
25 ~~dated May 15, 1998, are substantially similar to the forms set out in this Code section.~~

26 (b) ~~General Civil Case Filing Information Form.~~

27 GENERAL CIVIL CASE FILING  
28 INFORMATION FORM  
29 (NONDOMESTIC)

30 Court  
31 ~~\_\_\_ Superior~~ County \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
32 ~~\_\_\_ State~~ mm-dd-yyyy  
33 Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

34 Plaintiff(s) (last, suffix, first, middle Defendant(s) (last, suffix, first, middle  
35 initial, maiden) initial, maiden)  
36 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
37 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
38 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
39 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

40 Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
41 \_\_\_\_\_ ~~\_\_\_~~ Pro Se

42 Bar #  
43 \_\_\_\_\_

44 No. of plaintiffs \_\_\_\_\_ No. of defendants \_\_\_\_\_

45 CHECK PRIMARY CASE TYPE: IF TORT, IS CASE TYPE:  
46 (Check only ONE) (Check no more than TWO)  
47 ~~\_\_\_ Contract/Account~~ ~~\_\_\_ Auto Accident~~  
48 ~~\_\_\_ Wills/Estate~~ ~~\_\_\_ Premises Liability~~  
49 ~~\_\_\_ Real Property~~ ~~\_\_\_ Medical Malpractice~~  
50 ~~\_\_\_ Dispossessory/Distress~~ ~~\_\_\_ Other Professional~~  
51 ~~\_\_\_ Personal Property~~ Negligence  
52 ~~\_\_\_ Equity~~ ~~\_\_\_ Product Liability~~  
53 ~~\_\_\_ Habeas Corpus~~ ~~\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_~~  
54 ~~\_\_\_ Appeals, Reviews~~ \_\_\_\_\_

55 ~~\_\_\_ Postjudgment Garnishment;~~ Are punitive damages pleaded?  
56 ~~Attachment, or Other Relief~~ ~~\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
57 ~~\_\_\_ Nondomestic Contempt~~  
58 ~~\_\_\_ Tort (If tort, fill in right column)~~

59 ~~\_\_\_ Other General Civil (specify) \_\_\_~~

60 \_\_\_\_\_

61 ~~(c) Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form.~~

62 DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE FILING  
63 INFORMATION FORM

64 Court

65 ~~\_\_\_ Superior~~

County \_\_\_\_\_

Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

66 \_\_\_\_\_  
mm-dd-yyyy

67 Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

68 Plaintiff(s)

Defendant(s)

69 (last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

(last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

70 1. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

71 2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

72 Plaintiff/Petitioner's attorney

73 \_\_\_\_\_

~~\_\_\_ Pro Se~~

74 Bar #

75 \_\_\_\_\_

76 CONTEMPT

~~\_\_\_ Contempt - Custody;~~

~~Visitation, or~~

~~Parenting Time~~

79 CHECK CASE TYPE:

80 (one or more)

~~\_\_\_ Contempt - Child~~

81 ~~\_\_\_ Divorce (includes~~

~~Support and Alimony~~

82 annulment)

~~\_\_\_ Contempt - Child Support~~

83 Contested? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

~~\_\_\_ Contempt - Alimony~~

84 Child Custody

~~\_\_\_ Other Domestic Contempt~~

85 issue? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

86 Child Support

87 issue? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

FAMILY VIOLENCE

88 ~~\_\_\_ Separate Maintenance~~

~~Additional information -~~

89 ~~\_\_\_ Adoption~~

~~Ex Parte Relief~~

90 ~~\_\_\_ Paternity (includes~~

\_\_\_\_\_

91 legitimation)

Did the initial pleading

92 ~~\_\_\_ Interstate Support~~ include a request for  
 93 ~~Enforcement Action~~ relief:  
 94 ~~\_\_\_ Domestication of~~ 1. ~~From alleged family~~  
 95 ~~Foreign Custody Decree~~ violence? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
 96 ~~\_\_\_ Family Violence Act~~ 2. ~~Was ex parte relief~~  
 97 ~~Petition~~ requested? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
 98 3. ~~Was ex parte relief~~  
 99 granted? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

100 ~~MODIFICATION~~

~~OTHER~~

101 ~~\_\_\_ Modification - Custody,~~ Have the parties agreed to  
 102 ~~Visitation, or~~ binding arbitration? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
 103 ~~Parenting Time~~ Have the parties reached  
 104 ~~Does the modification~~ a custodial agreement? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
 105 ~~include a parent~~ If yes, is custody:  
 106 ~~selection by a child~~ ~~\_\_\_ Joint custody~~  
 107 ~~who is at least 14~~ ~~\_\_\_ Joint legal custody~~  
 108 ~~years of age? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~ ~~\_\_\_ Joint physical custody~~  
 109 ~~\_\_\_ Modification - Child~~ ~~\_\_\_ Sole custody to: \_\_\_\_\_~~  
 110 ~~Support and Alimony~~ Financial affidavit  
 111 ~~\_\_\_ Modification - Child~~ submitted? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
 112 ~~Support~~ Child support forms  
 113 ~~\_\_\_ Modification - Alimony~~ submitted? ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

114 ~~(d) General Civil Case Final Disposition Form.~~

115 ~~GENERAL CIVIL CASE FINAL~~  
 116 ~~DISPOSITION FORM~~  
 117 ~~(NONDOMESTIC)~~

118 ~~Court~~  
 119 ~~\_\_\_ Superior~~ County ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Date ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 120 ~~\_\_\_ State~~ disposed ~~mm-dd-yyyy~~  
 121 ~~Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_~~  
 122 Reporting party ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 123 (Name) (Title)

124 ~~Name of plaintiff/petitioner(s)~~

125 \_\_\_\_\_

126 ~~Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney~~

127 \_\_\_\_\_

~~\_\_\_ Pro Se~~

128 ~~Bar #~~

129 \_\_\_\_\_

130 ~~Name of defendant/respondent(s)~~

131 \_\_\_\_\_

132 ~~Defendant/respondent's attorney~~

133 \_\_\_\_\_

~~\_\_\_ Pro Se~~

134 ~~Bar #~~

135 \_\_\_\_\_

136 ~~TYPE OF DISPOSITION~~

~~AWARD~~

137 1. ~~\_\_\_ Pretrial Dismissal (specify which~~  
138 ~~type)~~

1. ~~If verdict for plaintiff, how much was~~  
~~awarded?~~

139 A. ~~\_\_\_ Involuntary~~

~~\$ \_\_\_\_\_ compensatory~~

140 B. ~~\_\_\_ Voluntary (without~~  
141 ~~prejudice)~~

~~\$ \_\_\_\_\_ punitive~~

142 C. ~~\_\_\_ Voluntary (with~~  
143 ~~prejudice)~~

2. ~~If verdict on cross or~~  
~~counter claims, how much~~  
~~was awarded?~~

144 2. ~~\_\_\_ Pretrial Settlement~~

~~\$ \_\_\_\_\_ compensatory~~

145 3. ~~\_\_\_ Default Judgment~~

~~\$ \_\_\_\_\_ punitive~~

146 4. ~~\_\_\_ Summary Judgment~~

3. ~~Did the court modify the~~  
~~award?~~

147 5. ~~\_\_\_ Transferred/~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No~~

148 ~~Consolidated~~

149 6. ~~\_\_\_ Bench Trial~~

4. ~~Were attorneys fees~~  
~~awarded?~~

150 7. ~~\_\_\_ Jury Trial (specify~~  
151 ~~outcome further)~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No~~

152 A. ~~\_\_\_ Dismissal after~~  
153 ~~jury selected~~

~~ADR~~

154 B. ~~\_\_\_ Settlement during~~  
155 ~~trial~~

1. ~~Was ADR utilized?~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No~~

156 C. ~~\_\_\_ Judgment on Verdict~~

2. ~~If yes, was it (check if~~  
~~applicable):~~

157 D. ~~\_\_\_ Directed Verdict or~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ court annexed?~~

158 ~~JNOV~~

159 \_\_\_\_\_  court mandated?  
 160 1. Judgment on verdict: 3. Did the matter settle after  
 161 Was the verdict: trial for other than  
 162 A.  For plaintiff(s) (all) judgment? (If known at  
 163 B.  For defendant(s) (all) the time of this  
 164 C.  Other: (explain \_\_\_\_\_ submission)  
 165 \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No  
 166 \_\_\_\_\_

167 (e) ~~Domestic Relations Case Final Disposition Information form.~~

168 DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE FINAL  
 169 DISPOSITION INFORMATION FORM

170 Court  
 171  Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 172 disposed mm-dd-yyyy  
 173 Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

174 Reporting party \_\_\_\_\_  
 175 (Name) (Title)

176 Name of plaintiff/petitioner(s)  
 177 \_\_\_\_\_

178 Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
 179 \_\_\_\_\_  Pro Se

180 Bar #  
 181 \_\_\_\_\_

182 Name of defendant/respondent(s)  
 183 \_\_\_\_\_

184 Defendant/respondent's attorney  
 185 \_\_\_\_\_  Pro Se

186 Bar #  
 187 \_\_\_\_\_

188 RELIEF GRANTED (Check all  
 189 that apply)

- 190 1.  Ex Parte Relief  
 191 2.  Temporary Relief

- 192 TYPE OF DISPOSITION
- 193 1. ~~Dismissed Without~~
- 194 ~~Final Order~~
- 195 A. ~~\_\_\_ Voluntary (by~~
- 196 ~~parties)~~
- 197 B. ~~\_\_\_ Involuntary (by~~
- 198 ~~court)~~
- 199 2. ~~\_\_\_ Pretrial Settlement~~
- 200 3. ~~\_\_\_ Judgment on the~~
- 201 ~~Pleadings~~
- 202 4. ~~\_\_\_ Summary Judgment~~
- 203 5. ~~\_\_\_ Trial~~
- 204 A. ~~Bench Trial~~
- 205 B. ~~Jury Trial~~
- 206 1. ~~\_\_\_ Dismissal after~~
- 207 ~~jury selected~~
- 208 2. ~~\_\_\_ Settlement~~
- 209 ~~during trial~~
- 210 3. ~~\_\_\_ Judgment on~~
- 211 ~~Verdict~~
- 212 4. ~~\_\_\_ Directed~~
- 213 ~~Verdict or~~
- 214 ~~JNOV~~
- 215
- 216
- 217
- 218
- 219 ADR
- 220 1. ~~Was mediation utilized?~~
- 221 ~~\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- 222 2. ~~If yes, was it (check if~~
- 223 ~~applicable):~~
- 224 ~~\_\_\_ court annexed?~~
- 225 ~~\_\_\_ court mandated?~~
3. ~~\_\_\_ Final Relief~~
- A. ~~\_\_\_ Divorce/Annulment/  
Separate Maintenance~~
- B. ~~\_\_\_ Child Custody~~
- (i) ~~Parenting plan~~
- ~~included? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- (ii) ~~Custodial arrangement:~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Joint custody~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Joint legal custody~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Joint physical custody~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Sole custody~~
- ~~to: \_\_\_\_\_~~
- (iii) ~~Fourteen year old~~
- ~~made parental~~
- ~~selection? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- C. ~~Visitation or parenting time~~
- ~~Approximate percentage~~
- ~~of parenting time per~~
- ~~year (or number of days)~~
- ~~for: \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father~~
- ~~Parenting time was~~
- ~~contested? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- D. ~~\_\_\_ Child Support~~
- (i) ~~Forms attached? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- E. ~~\_\_\_ Legitimation/  
Paternity~~
- F. ~~\_\_\_ Alimony~~
- G. ~~\_\_\_ Contempt~~
- H. ~~\_\_\_ Equitable Division~~
- I. ~~\_\_\_ Protective Order~~
- ~~Finding of family~~
- ~~violence? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- J. ~~\_\_\_ Adoption~~

226 3. ~~Was there an agreement to~~ K. ~~Attorney's fees?~~ ~~Yes~~ ~~No~~  
 227 ~~binding arbitration?~~ ~~Yes~~ ~~No~~ ~~If yes, in what amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 228 ~~If yes, what matters were~~ ~~and to whom: \_\_\_\_\_~~  
 229 ~~subject to binding arbitration?~~ L. ~~Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_~~  
 230 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Child custody \_\_\_\_\_~~  
 231 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Visitation or Parenting Time~~ 4. ~~Dismissed prior to~~  
 232 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Parenting Plan~~ ~~granting of relief.~~  
 233 \_\_\_\_\_"

234 **PART II**  
 235 **SECTION 2-1.**

236 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3, relating to  
 237 commencement of action and filing of civil case filing form, as follows:

238 "(b) At the time of filing the complaint for a civil action in superior court or state court, the  
 239 plaintiff shall file the appropriate civil case filing form with the clerk of the court. The  
 240 form shall contain complete information and shall be substantially in the form prescribed  
 241 ~~in Code Section 9-11-133~~ by the Judicial Council of Georgia. The filing of the complaint  
 242 shall not be delayed for the filing of the case filing form. If, after a civil action has been  
 243 filed, the court presiding over the civil action decides that the civil case filing form has not  
 244 been filed or has been filed incorrectly, the court shall require the plaintiff to file the civil  
 245 case filing form or an amended form. In no case shall the failure to accurately complete  
 246 the civil case filing form required by this Code section provide a basis to dismiss a civil  
 247 action."

248 **SECTION 2-2.**

249 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58, relating to  
 250 entry of judgment and filing of civil case disposition form, as follows:

251 "(b) **When judgment entered.** The filing with the clerk of a judgment, signed by the  
 252 judge, with the fully completed civil case disposition form constitutes the entry of the  
 253 judgment, and, unless the court otherwise directs, no judgment shall be effective for any  
 254 purpose until the entry of the same, as provided in this subsection. As part of the filing of  
 255 the final judgment, a civil case disposition form shall be filed by the prevailing party or by  
 256 the plaintiff if the case is settled, dismissed, or otherwise disposed of without a prevailing  
 257 party; provided, however, that the amount of a sealed or otherwise confidential settlement  
 258 agreement shall not be disclosed on the civil case disposition form. The form shall be



259 substantially in the form prescribed ~~in Code Section 9-11-133~~ by the Judicial Council of  
 260 Georgia. If any of the information required by the form is sealed by the court, the form  
 261 shall state that fact and the information under seal shall not be provided. The entry of the  
 262 judgment shall not be made by the clerk of the court until the civil case disposition form  
 263 is filed. The entry of the judgment shall not be delayed for the taxing of costs. This  
 264 subsection shall not apply to actions brought pursuant to ~~Code Sections 44-7-50 through~~  
 265 ~~44-7-59~~ Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44, relating to landlord and tenant dispossessory  
 266 proceedings."

267 **SECTION 2-3.**

268 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising  
 269 paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24, relating to the duties of the Administrative Office of  
 270 the Courts, as follows:

271 "(4) Analyze data relating to civil cases ~~collected pursuant to subsection (b) of Code~~  
 272 ~~Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58~~ and on or before the first day  
 273 of October each year provide such data, analysis, or both data and analysis to the courts  
 274 and agencies of the judicial branch, agencies of the executive branch, and the ~~General~~  
 275 ~~Assembly~~ chairpersons of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on  
 276 Judiciary;"

277 **SECTION 2-4.**

278 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82, relating to  
 279 the authority of the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, as follows:

280 "(a) The commission shall be authorized to:

- 281 (1) Define, implement, and administer a state-wide courts automation system including  
 282 data collection, networking, data storage, retrieval, processing, and distribution;
- 283 (2) Coordinate and cooperate with the state's chief information officer with regard to  
 284 planning, implementation, and administration of a state-wide courts automation system  
 285 to take advantage of existing state resources where possible;
- 286 ~~(3) Receive electronic data from the civil case filing and disposition forms that are~~  
 287 ~~required to be filed in civil cases pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and~~  
 288 ~~subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58 and that are transmitted to the commission by the~~  
 289 ~~Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority in a format and media agreed to~~  
 290 ~~by the commission and the authority;~~
- 291 ~~(4) Compile the civil filings and dispositions data, and provide such data to the~~  
 292 ~~Administrative Office of the Courts;~~

293 ~~(5)~~(3) Participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the  
 294 performance of the duties specified in this paragraph and ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (2), ~~(3)~~,  
 295 ~~and (4)~~ of this subsection and for the release of the information from civil case filing and  
 296 disposition forms;

297 ~~(6)~~(4) Administer federal, state, local, and other public or private funds made available  
 298 to it for implementation of the courts automation system;

299 ~~(7)~~(5) Coordinate state-wide strategies and plans for incorporating county and local  
 300 governments into the courts automation system, including review of requirements of the  
 301 several state agencies for documents, reports, and forms and the consolidation,  
 302 elimination, or conversion of such documents, reports, and forms to formats compatible  
 303 with electronic transmittal media;

304 ~~(8)~~(6) Establish policies and procedures, rules and regulations, and technical and  
 305 performance standards for county and local government access to the courts automation  
 306 system network; and

307 ~~(9)~~(7) Offer advisory services to county and local governments to assist in guiding their  
 308 efforts toward automating their court procedures and operations."

#### 309 SECTION 2-5.

310 Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (17) and (18) of subsection (a) of Code  
 311 Section 15-6-61, relating to duties of superior court clerks generally, as follows:

312 "~~(17) To file and transmit all civil case filing and disposition forms required to be filed~~  
 313 ~~pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section~~  
 314 ~~9-11-58 and transmit the data contained on such forms to the Administrative Office of the~~  
 315 ~~Courts through electronic means provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts for~~  
 316 ~~such purpose which shall constitute the only transmission of such data required between~~  
 317 ~~the clerks of the superior courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts;~~

318 ~~(18)(A) To transmit to the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within 30~~  
 319 ~~days of filing the civil case filing and disposition forms prescribed in Code Section~~  
 320 ~~9-11-133.~~

321 ~~(B)~~(18) To electronically collect and transmit to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'  
 322 Cooperative Authority all data elements required in subsection (g) of Code Section  
 323 35-3-36 in a form and format required by the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative  
 324 Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. The data transmitted  
 325 to the authority pursuant to this ~~Code section~~ paragraph shall be transmitted to the  
 326 Georgia Crime Information Center in satisfaction of the clerk's duties under subsection  
 327 (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 and to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission which  
 328 shall provide the data to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use ~~of~~ by the state

329 judicial branch. Public access to said data shall remain the responsibility of the Georgia  
 330 Crime Information Center. No release of collected data shall be made by or through the  
 331 authority;"

332 **SECTION 2-6.**

333 Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section  
 334 15-6-94, relating to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, as follows:

335 "(3) The purpose of the authority shall be to provide a cooperative for the development,  
 336 acquisition, and distribution of record management systems, information, services,  
 337 supplies, and materials for superior court clerks of the state, on such terms and conditions  
 338 as may be determined to be in the best interest of the operation of the office of the clerk  
 339 of superior court, local government, and the state, in light of the following factors:

340 (A) The public interest in providing cost-efficient access to record management  
 341 systems, information, services, supplies, and materials, and a pool which will provide  
 342 related resources and uniformity;

343 (B) Cost savings to local government and the state, through efficiency in the provision  
 344 of record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials;

345 (C) Fair and adequate compensation to local governments for costs incurred in the  
 346 operation of the offices of clerks of superior court; and

347 (D) Such other factors as are in the public interest and welfare.

348 The authority shall be the sole owner of its compiled and developed information  
 349 developed through any function performed or any program or system administered on  
 350 behalf of the authority. For the purposes of this subsection, the authority shall not be  
 351 considered the sole owner of information developed pursuant to ~~Code Section 15-6-97.1~~  
 352 ~~or~~ Code Section 15-6-97.2 and Article 5 of Chapter 6 of Title 12."

353 **SECTION 2-7.**

354 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-6-97.1, relating to the superior  
 355 court civil case information system and funding, as follows:

356 ~~"(a) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and The Council of~~  
 357 ~~Superior Court Clerks of Georgia, in agreement with the Georgia Courts Automation~~  
 358 ~~Commission and the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall participate in the~~  
 359 ~~development and operation of the civil case filing and disposition information system~~  
 360 ~~described in paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24 and paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of~~  
 361 ~~subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82. The authority shall provide such data in electronic~~  
 362 ~~format to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission within three days of receipt. The~~  
 363 ~~media and format shall be determined by the authority and the commission.~~

364 ~~(b) The authority shall have the power to use funds available and participate in~~  
 365 ~~agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the~~  
 366 ~~duties described in subsection (a) of this Code section Reserved.~~"

367 **SECTION 2-8.**

368 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-7-50, relating to the authority of  
 369 the clerks of state courts, as follows:

370 "15-7-50.

371 Clerks of state courts are authorized and directed to:

372 (1) File and enter all civil case filing and disposition forms ~~required to be filed pursuant~~  
 373 ~~to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58;~~

374 (2) ~~Transmit to the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within 30 days of filing~~  
 375 the data contained on the civil case filing and disposition forms prescribed in Code  
 376 Section 9-11-133 to the Administrative Office of the Courts through electronic means  
 377 provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts for such purpose which shall  
 378 constitute the only transmission of such data required between the clerks of the state  
 379 courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts; and

380 (3) Participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the  
 381 performance of the duties provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Code section."

382 **SECTION 2-9.**

383 Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
 384 general provisions for child custody proceedings, is amended by revising Code Section  
 385 19-9-1.2, relating to the required domestic relations case filing information form, as follows:

386 "19-9-1.2.

387 Pursuant to Code Section 9-11-3, and in addition to the filing requirements contained in  
 388 Code Section 19-6-15, in all proceedings under this article the plaintiff shall file a domestic  
 389 relations case filing information form as ~~set forth in Code Section 9-11-133~~ prescribed by  
 390 the Judicial Council of Georgia."

391 **SECTION 2-10.**

392 Said article is further amended by revising subsection (h) of Code Section 19-9-3, relating  
 393 to discretion of judge in child custody disputes and filing of domestic relations final  
 394 disposition form, as follows:

395 "(h) In addition to filing requirements contained in Code Section 19-6-15, upon the  
 396 conclusion of any proceeding under this article, the domestic relations final disposition

397 form as ~~set forth in Code Section 9-11-133~~ prescribed by the Judicial Council of Georgia  
398 shall be filed."

399 **PART III**  
400 **SECTION 3-1.**

401 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

402 **SECTION 3-2.**

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