

Senate Bill 495

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Haines of the 46th, Harp of the 16th and Moore of the 18th

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-15-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 county law libraries' use of funds, so as to require the use of funds for judges of the state  
3 courts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 36-15-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law  
7 libraries' use of funds, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the  
8 following:

9 "(b) In addition to the uses specified in subsection (a) of this Code section, the board of  
10 trustees of a county law library shall be authorized to use funds to establish a law library  
11 or libraries for the judges of the superior courts of the judicial circuit and for the judges of  
12 the state court in which the county lies. A request for the establishment of one or more such  
13 libraries shall be made to the board of trustees by the chief judge of the judicial circuit with  
14 the assent of a majority of the superior court judges of the circuit or by the chief judge of  
15 the state court of the county with the assent of a majority of the state court judges of the  
16 county. It shall be in the discretion of the board of trustees of each county whether to grant  
17 the request. Any one or more county boards of trustees in the judicial circuit may  
18 participate in the establishment of the law library or libraries and, for the purpose of such  
19 participation, may enter into agreements regarding the proportional share of expenditures  
20 to be borne by each county board of trustees. Purchases made from county law library  
21 funds under this subsection shall not duplicate the law books and materials supplied to each  
22 judge of superior court or state court by the state or by other sources. Such purchases shall  
23 become the property of the ~~chief judge of the judicial circuit~~ who requested the purchase  
24 and shall be passed on to his or her successor in office."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.