

The Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee offered the following substitute to SB 146:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 garnishment proceedings, so as to provide that the filing of certain answers on behalf of
3 corporate garnishees shall not constitute the practice of law and may be done by corporate
4 officers or employees; to provide that delivery to the court of money or property admitted
5 to be subject to garnishment may likewise be accomplished through a corporate officer or
6 employee; to provide for changes in the forms related to postjudgment and continuing
7 garnishment; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Chapter 4 of Title 18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to garnishment
11 proceedings, is amended by adding at the end of Article 1, relating to general provisions
12 relative to garnishment proceedings, a new Code Section 18-4-8 to read as follows:

13 "18-4-8.

14 When proceedings are filed under any provision of this chapter involving a corporation as
15 garnishee, the execution and filing of an answer shall not constitute the practice of law and
16 may be done by an officer or employee of the corporation otherwise authorized to act for
17 the corporation. The corporation's payment into court of any money or property or money
18 and property which is admitted to be subject to garnishment likewise shall not constitute
19 the practice of law and may also be done by an authorized officer or employee of the
20 corporation."
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SECTION 2.

22 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 18-4-66, relating to forms for postjudgment
23 garnishment, by striking from paragraph (4) the language below the signature line in the form
24 for answer of garnishee and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
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1 "Garnishee, garnishee's or his attorney, or officer or agent of a corporate garnishee at law".

2 **SECTION 3.**

3 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 18-4-118, relating to forms for continuing
4 garnishment, by striking from paragraph (3) the language below the signature line in the form
5 for answer of garnishee and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 "Garnishee, garnishee's or his attorney, or officer or agent of a corporate garnishee at law".

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
9 without such approval.

10 **SECTION 5.**

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