

House Bill 824

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 109th, Cash of the 108th, Jenkins of the 110th, Sanders of the 107th, Keen of the 174th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-32-6, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 jurisdiction in marijuana possession cases, so as to authorize prosecution via a summons or
3 citation, without an accusation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 To amend Code Section 36-32-6, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 jurisdiction in marijuana possession cases, by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(a) The municipal court of any municipality is granted jurisdiction to try and dispose of
11 cases where a person is charged with the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana if
12 the offense occurred within the corporate limits of such municipality. These cases may be
13 tried upon a summons or citation without an accusation. The jurisdiction of any such court
14 shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of any other courts within the county having
15 jurisdiction to try and dispose of such cases."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.