

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law libraries, so as to change a certain population reference; to thereby update and specify the counties in which certain special provisions shall apply to the collection and use of certain court costs; to provide for such costs to be paid into the general treasury of the county and used for any lawful purposes in affected counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law libraries, is amended by striking Code Section 36-15-11, relating to special provisions applicable to counties of a certain population size, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-15-11.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in all counties of this state having a population of 700,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1980 or any future such census, all funds collected by reason of this chapter shall be paid into the general treasury of such county, to be used for lawful purposes of the courts of the county, including the maintenance of a county law library; and there shall be no county law library fund. All disbursements for the purposes of this chapter shall be in accordance with the budget procedures which may be established in such counties. In such counties there shall be no treasurer of the board of trustees. The county governing authorities of such counties shall report to the board of trustees, not later than January 15 of each year, the amount of money collected in the preceding calendar year by the assessment of such fees as are provided in this chapter."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2002, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d)(2)(D) of Code Section 1-3-1.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.