

House Bill 1222

By: Representatives Oliver of the 56th, Post 2, and Stokes of the 72nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 9-15-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 inclusion of costs in a judgment, so as to specify the types of costs which may be included
3 in a judgment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 9-15-11, relating to inclusion of costs in a judgment, is amended by striking
8 the Code section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "9-15-11.

10 (a) For purposes of this Code section, costs shall include the following:

11 (1) Fees of the clerk and marshal or process server;

12 (2) Fees of the court reporter for all or any part of the stenographic transcript necessarily
13 obtained for use in the case;

14 (3) Fees and disbursements for printing and witnesses;

15 (4) Fees for exemplification and copies of papers necessarily obtained for use in the case;

16 (5) Fees for computer research; and

17 (6) Compensation of court appointed experts, compensation of interpreters, and salaries,
18 fees, expenses, and costs of special interpretation services.

19 (b) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the prevailing party shall receive its costs. A bill
20 of costs shall be filed in the case and, upon allowance, included in the judgment or decree.

21 (c) When a case is disposed of, the costs, including fees of witnesses, shall be included in
22 the judgment against the party voluntarily dismissing, being involuntarily dismissed, or cast
23 in the action. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the court, of the magistrate, or of any other
24 officer who may issue an execution to endorse on the execution at the time it is issued the
25 date and amount of the judgment, the items of the bill of cost, written in words, and the
26 amount of each item distinctly stated in figures. No costs or items of costs shall in any case

1 be demanded by any officer unless they are itemized and endorsed as provided in this Code
2 section."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.