

Senate Bill 497

By: Senators Reed of the 35th, Tanksley of the 32nd, Zamarripa of the 36th, Price of the 56th, Thomas of the 10th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To repeal an Act re-creating a system of state courts of limited jurisdiction for each city of
2 this state having a population of 300,000 or more according to the United States decennial
3 census of 1990 or any future such census, approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 627), as
4 amended; to abolish such courts created pursuant to such Act; to provide for the transfer of
5 cases and matters pending in such courts on the effective date of this Act; to provide for the
6 transfer of records, books, minutes, files, and documents; to provide an effective date; to
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act re-creating a system of state courts of limited jurisdiction for each city of this state
11 having a population of 300,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of
12 1990 or any future such census, approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 627), as amended,
13 is repealed in its entirety and such courts created pursuant to such Act are abolished.

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 On the effective date of this Act, all cases and matters pending in any court abolished by
16 Section 1 of this Act shall be transferred to the municipal court of the city in which such
17 abolished court was located. The chief judge of such municipal court shall then transfer
18 those cases over which the municipal court does not have jurisdiction to the appropriate
19 court. All records, books, minutes, files, and documents relating to such cases or prior cases
20 of the city court shall be likewise transferred. This Code Section shall be applicable only
21 with an executed intergovernmental agreement between all affected jurisdictions.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2005.

- 1 **SECTION 4.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.