

House Bill 1195

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 "Georgia Civil Practice Act," so as to require complaints to be accompanied in filing with  
3 the civil case filing form; to require judgments to be accompanied in filing with the civil case  
4 disposition form; to change certain provisions relating to commencement of actions; to  
5 change certain provisions relating to entry of judgment; to provide for related matters; to  
6 provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia  
11 Civil Practice Act," is amended by striking Code Section 9-11-3, relating to commencement  
12 of actions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "9-11-3.

14 (a) A civil action is commenced by filing a complaint with the court.

15 (b) At the time of filing the complaint for a civil action in superior court or state court, ~~or~~  
16 ~~as soon as practicable thereafter,~~ the plaintiff shall file the appropriate civil case filing form  
17 with the clerk of the court. The form shall contain complete information and shall be  
18 substantially in the form prescribed in Code Section 9-11-133. The filing of the complaint  
19 shall not be delayed for the filing of the case filing form. No complaint shall be accepted  
20 by the clerk of the court without a fully completed civil case filing form. A civil action  
21 shall not be considered commenced without the filing of the civil case filing form.

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58, relating  
24 to the entry of judgment and filing of the civil case disposition form, and inserting in lieu  
25 thereof the following:

