

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1195:

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 provide for amended civil case filing forms; to change certain provisions relating to entry of  
6 judgment; to provide for confidential settlement agreements being excluded on civil case  
7 disposition forms; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and  
8 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**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:  
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14 "9-11-3.

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

16 (b) At the time of filing the complaint for a civil action in superior court or state court, ~~or~~  
17 ~~as soon as practicable thereafter~~, the plaintiff shall file the appropriate civil case filing form  
18 with the clerk of the court. The form shall contain complete information and shall be  
19 substantially in the form prescribed in Code Section 9-11-133. The filing of the complaint  
20 shall not be delayed for the filing of the case filing form. If, after a civil action has been  
21 filed, the court presiding over the civil action decides that the civil case filing form has not  
22 been filed or has been filed incorrectly, the court shall require the plaintiff to file the civil  
23 case filing form or an amended form. In no case shall the failure to accurately complete  
24 the civil case filing form required by this Code section provide a basis to dismiss a civil  
25 action."

