

Senate Bill 67

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Harp of the 29th,
Rogers of the 21st and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the general provisions of superior courts, so as to specify costs not to be
3 considered contingent expenses; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 general provisions of superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-24 as
9 follows:
10 "15-6-24.

11 (a) Any contingent expenses incurred in holding any session of the superior court,
12 including lights, fuel, stationery, rent, publication of grand jury presentments when ordered
13 published, and similar items, such as taking down testimony in felony cases, etc., shall be
14 paid out of the county treasury of such county upon the certificate of the judge of the
15 superior court and without further order.

16 (b) Any costs incurred in providing defense services pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 17,
17 the 'Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003,' for persons accused of crimes shall not be
18 considered contingent expenses of the superior court for purposes of this Code section."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.