

House Bill 1236

By: Representative Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to court reports, so as to change provisions relating to the procedure for distribution  
3 of court reports and discontinuance and resumption of distribution; to reduce the number of  
4 reports that the reporter has to distribute; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 court reports, is amended by revising Code Section 50-18-31, relating to the procedure for  
10 distribution of court reports and discontinuance and resumption of distribution, as follows:

11 "50-18-31.

12 The reporter shall make distribution of the reports which shall be handled in accordance  
13 with this Code section:

14 (1) The reporter shall place all orders for the reports with the publisher. ~~At any time the~~  
15 ~~state librarian adds or eliminates a particular exchange point or determines that the~~  
16 ~~number of copies of either of the reports needs to be changed, he or she shall notify the~~  
17 ~~reporter of this fact in writing, and the reporter shall adjust his or her orders for new~~  
18 ~~reports accordingly;~~

19 (2) All volumes distributed within this state to the state or to any of its subordinate  
20 departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, or to public officers or public employees  
21 within the state, ~~other than to the state librarian for exchange purposes,~~ shall be the  
22 property of the appropriate public officer or employee during his or her term of office or  
23 employment and shall be turned over to his or her successor; and the reporter shall take  
24 and retain a receipt from each such public officer or employee acknowledging this fact.  
25 ~~Volumes distributed to the state librarian for exchange purposes, but handled for delivery~~  
26 ~~to exchanges by the reporter on behalf and in the name of the state library, shall become~~

27 ~~the property of the recipient.~~ The reporter shall at all times use the most economical  
 28 method of shipment consistent with the safety and security of the volumes; and  
 29 (3) The reporter shall make distributions of the reports in accordance with the following:

30	Archives, State . . . . .	one copy
31	Commissioner of Insurance . . . . .	one copy
32	Court of Appeals of Georgia . . . . .	23 copies
33	<del>(which number may be increased upon written order from the Chief</del>	
34	<del>Judge to the reporter)</del>	
35	Executive Department . . . . .	one copy
36	<del>Georgia Institute of Technology . . . . .</del>	<del>one copy</del>
37	<del>Georgia State University . . . . .</del>	<del>one copy</del>
38	Historical Society, Georgia . . . . .	one copy
39	Human Resources, Department of . . . . .	one copy
40	House Judiciary Committee . . . . .	one copy
41	Labor, Department of . . . . .	one copy
42	Law, Department of . . . . .	six copies
43	<del>(which number may be increased upon written order from the Attorney</del>	
44	<del>General)</del>	
45	Legislative Counsel . . . . .	one copy
46	<del>(which number may be increased upon written order of the Legislative</del>	
47	<del>Counsel)</del>	
48	<del>Library, State</del>	
49	<del>Exchange Program:</del>	
50	<del>Each foreign government authority participating . . . . .</del>	<del>one copy</del>
51	<del>Each state participating . . . . .</del>	<del>one copy</del>
52	<del>Shelving . . . . .</del>	<del>two copies</del>
53	<del>Newly created superior court circuits or judgeships . . . . .</del>	<del>as appropriate</del>
54	<del>Whenever a new superior court circuit or a new judgeship within a</del>	
55	<del>circuit shall be created, if the officer entitled to reports shall notify the</del>	
56	<del>reporter in writing of his or her assumption of office, the reporter shall</del>	
57	<del>add his or her position to those to receive reports and shall supply him</del>	
58	<del>or her with all earlier volumes.</del>	
59	Judge of the Probate Court (each county) . . . . .	one copy
60	Public Service Commission . . . . .	one copy

61	<del>Recipients not named herein but named on the librarian's distribution list</del>	
62	<del>as of the date of his or her last distribution of the reports next preceding</del>	
63	<del>April 18, 1975 (each) . . . . .</del>	<del>one copy</del>
64	<del>The reporter is authorized to add such names, in whole or in part, to his</del>	
65	<del>or her listing of distributees to receive future reports.</del>	
66	Reporter	
67	Assistant reporter's desk . . . . .	one copy
68	Copyright . . . . .	three copies
69	Reporter's clerical staff . . . . .	one copy
70	Reporter's desk . . . . .	one copy
71	Secretary of State . . . . .	one copy
72	Senate Judiciary Committee . . . . .	one copy
73	Special or emergency circumstances . . . . .	as appropriate
74	<del>When it shall appear to the reporter that a worthy state purpose will be</del>	
75	<del>served thereby, he or she may add agencies or officers to the list of</del>	
76	<del>recipients of reports, provided that no courts or agencies of a local</del>	
77	<del>nature shall be added to the list.</del>	
78	Superior Courts	
79	Clerks (each) . . . . .	one copy
80	District Attorneys (each) . . . . .	one copy
81	Judges (each) . . . . .	one copy
82	Supreme Court of Georgia . . . . .	18 copies
83	<del>(which number may be increased upon written order from the Chief</del>	
84	<del>Justice to the reporter)</del>	
85	United States Courts	
86	Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit . . . . .	one copy
87	District Courts, Georgia . . . . .	four copies
88	University of Georgia Law School Library . . . . .	<del>25</del> <u>two</u> copies
89	Workers' Compensation, State Board of . . . . .	six copies
90	The reporter may add additional recipients or additional copies to named	
91	recipients upon written order from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;	
92	and	
93	<del>(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Code section regarding</del>	
94	<del>distribution of reports to superior courts and to judges of the probate courts, the chief</del>	
95	<del>judge of the superior courts of any judicial circuit may, for any county within that circuit,</del>	

96 ~~have discontinued or restored the distribution of any of that county's authorized number~~  
97 ~~of copies of reports, as such judge determines the needs therefor, upon written request to~~  
98 ~~the librarian. In any event, at least one copy of each report shall be distributed to each~~  
99 ~~county to be placed in the county law library or, if no such library is maintained, in the~~  
100 ~~office of the judge of the probate court for the use of the general public."~~

101 **SECTION 2.**

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