

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 973:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 jurisdiction for magistrate courts, so as to increase the jurisdictional limit in civil claims; to
3 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to jurisdiction for
8 magistrate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

9 "(5) The trial of civil claims including garnishment and attachment in which exclusive
10 jurisdiction is not vested in the superior court and the amount demanded or the value of
11 the property claimed does not exceed ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$25,000.00, provided that no
12 prejudgment attachment may be granted;"

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and shall apply to civil actions filed on or
15 after July 1, 2010.

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.