The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 1236:

## 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.

## 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.

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- 12 The reporter shall make distribution of the reports which shall be handled in accordance
- with this Code section:
- 14 (1) The reporter shall place all orders for the reports with the publisher. At any time the
- state librarian adds or eliminates a particular exchange point or determines that the
- 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
- 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
- property of the appropriate public officer or employee during his or her term of office or
- employment and shall be turned over to his or her successor; and the reporter shall take
- 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 exchangees 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 mos	t 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 t	he following:
30	Archives, State	one copy
31	Commissioner of Insurance	one copy
32	Court of Appeals of Georgia	23 copies
33	(which number may be increased upon written order from the Chief	
34	Judge to the reporter)	
35	Executive Department	one copy
36	Georgia Institute of Technology	one copy
37	Georgia State University	one copy
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	(which number may be increased upon written order from the Attorney	
44	General)	
45	Legislative Counsel	one copy
46	(which number may be increased upon written order of the Legislative	
47	Counsel)	
48	Library, State	
49	Exchange Program:	
50	Each foreign government authority participating	one copy
51	Each state participating	one copy
52	Shelving	two copies
53	Newly created superior court circuits or judgeships as	s appropriate
54	Whenever a new superior court circuit or a new judgeship within a	
55	circuit shall be created, if the officer entitled to reports shall notify the	
56	reporter in writing of his or her assumption of office, the reporter shall	
57	add his or her position to those to receive reports and shall supply him	
58	or her with all earlier volumes.	
59	Judge of the Probate Court (each county)	one copy

60	Each probate court shall place a written order with the reporter on or	
61	before October 1. A written order from a probate court shall remain in	
62	effect until changed by a subsequent written order. The reporter shall	
63	not provide reports to any probate court without a written order.	
64	Public Service Commission	one copy
65	Recipients not named herein but named on the librarian's distribution list	1.
66	as of the date of his or her last distribution of the reports next preceding	
67	April 18, 1975 (each)	one copy
68	The reporter is authorized to add such names, in whole or in part, to his	
69	or her listing of distributees to receive future reports.	
70	Reporter	
71	Assistant reporter's desk	one copy
72	Copyright	three copies
73	Reporter's clerical staff	one copy
74	Reporter's desk	one copy
75	Secretary of State	one copy
76	Senate Judiciary Committee	one copy
77	Special or emergency circumstances	
78	When it shall appear to the reporter that a worthy state purpose will be	із арргорітаю
79	served thereby, he or she may add agencies or officers to the list of	
80	recipients of reports, provided that no courts or agencies of a local	
81	nature shall be added to the list.	
82	Superior Courts	
83	Clerks (each)	one copy
84	District Attorneys (each)	one copy
85	Judges (each)	one copy
86	Each superior court judge shall place a written order with the reporter	one copy
87	on or before October 1. A written order from a superior court judge	
88	shall remain in effect until changed by a subsequent written order.	
89	The reporter shall not provide reports to any superior court judge court	
90	without a written order.	
91	Supreme Court of Georgia	18 copies
92	(which number may be increased upon written order from the Chief	10 copies
93	Justice to the reporter)	
94	United States Courts	
24	Office States Courts	

95	Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit one copy
96	District Courts, Georgia four copies
97	University of Georgia Law School Library
98	Workers' Compensation, State Board of six copies
99	The reporter may add additional recipients or additional copies to named
100	recipients upon written order from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
101	<del>and</del>
102	(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Code section regarding
103	distribution of reports to superior courts and to judges of the probate courts, the chief
104	judge of the superior courts of any judicial circuit may, for any county within that circuit,
105	have discontinued or restored the distribution of any of that county's authorized number
106	of copies of reports, as such judge determines the needs therefor, upon written request to
107	the librarian. In any event, at least one copy of each report shall be distributed to each
108	county to be placed in the county law library or, if no such library is maintained, in the
109	office of the judge of the probate court for the use of the general public."

110 **SECTION 2.** 

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