

House Bill 289

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide a statement of legislative findings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to repeal Article 6 of Chapter 5, relating to the  
3 Georgia Courts Automation Commission; to provide for outstanding contracts and  
4 obligations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds that the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, which was  
8 originally created by 1990 Resolution Act No. 98, has served the purpose for which it was  
9 created and is now superfluous to the efficient functioning of the courts. The General  
10 Assembly finds that in difficult economic times, when state programs are being cut  
11 drastically, commissions and councils whose value is marginal to state government should  
12 be eliminated.

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by  
15 repealing Article 6 Chapter, relating to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, and  
16 inserting in its place the following:

17 **"ARTICLE 6**  
18 **RESERVED"**

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 On July 1, 2009, any outstanding contracts and obligations of the Georgia Courts Automation  
21 Commission shall be transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts until the same are  
22 completed or extinguished.

23 **SECTION 4.**

24 Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (a)(17)(B) of Code Section 15-6-61,  
25 relating to duties of clerks generally, use of computerized record-keeping system, and printed  
26 copies of the grantor and grantee indices, as follows:

27 "(B) To electronically collect and transmit to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'  
28 Cooperative Authority all data elements required in subsection (g) of Code Section  
29 35-3-36 in a form and format required by the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative  
30 Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. The electronic  
31 collection and transmission of data shall begin no later than January 1, 2002. The data  
32 transmitted to the authority pursuant to this Code section shall be transmitted to the  
33 Georgia Crime Information Center in satisfaction of the clerk's duties under subsection  
34 (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 ~~and to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission who~~  
35 which shall provide the data to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use of the  
36 state judicial branch. Public access to said data shall remain the responsibility of the  
37 Georgia Crime Information Center. No release of collected data shall be made by or  
38 through the authority;"

39 **SECTION 5.**

40 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-97.1, relating  
41 to development and operation of civil case information system and funding, as follows:

42 "(a) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and The Council of  
43 Superior Court Clerks of Georgia, in agreement with ~~the Georgia Courts Automation~~  
44 ~~Commission~~ and the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall participate in the  
45 development and operation of the civil case filing and disposition information system  
46 described in paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24 ~~and paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of~~  
47 ~~subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82. The authority shall provide such data in electronic~~  
48 ~~format to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission within three days of receipt. The~~  
49 ~~media and format shall be determined by the authority and the commission."~~

50 **SECTION 6.**

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