

House Bill 283 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Harbin of the 118th, Oliver of the 83rd, Smith of the 113th, and Willard of the 49th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relating to attorneys, so as to change provisions relating to the
3 expenses of the board and the amount and disposition of examination fees; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relating to attorneys, is amended by revising Code Section 15-19-2,
10 relating to the rules of governing the Board of Bar Examiners, expenses of the board, and the
11 amount and disposition of examination fees, as follows:

12 "15-19-2.

13 (a) It shall be the duty of the Justices of the Supreme Court to appoint and fix the number,
14 terms, and compensation of the Board of Bar Examiners, whose powers and duties shall
15 be as set forth by the Supreme Court by rule. All salaries, fees, and other expenses incurred
16 in administering the Board of Bar Examiners and the examinations conducted by the board
17 shall be paid by the Supreme Court ~~from an appropriation made to the Supreme Court for~~
18 ~~that purpose.~~

19 (b) ~~All fees paid by applicants for admission to the bar by examination shall be paid into~~
20 ~~the general funds of the treasury.~~ The Supreme Court, upon recommendation by the board,
21 shall by rule set the amount of the examination fee to be paid by the applicants for
22 admission to the bar by examination and shall direct to whom and when the fee shall be
23 paid. The examination fee shall be reasonable and shall be determined in such a manner
24 that the total amount of the fees charged and collected by the board in each fiscal year shall
25 approximate the direct and indirect costs ~~to the state~~ of administering the examination. ~~The~~
26 ~~amount of the fee to be paid by the applicant shall not exceed \$90.00."~~

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SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

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