

House Bill 289 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by
8 repealing Article 6 of Chapter 5, relating to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, and
9 revising said article as follows:

10 "ARTICLE 6
11 RESERVED"

12 **SECTION 2.**

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

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

20 "(B) To electronically collect and transmit to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'
21 Cooperative Authority all data elements required in subsection (g) of Code Section
22 35-3-36 in a form and format required by the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative

23 Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. ~~The electronic~~
 24 ~~collection and transmission of data shall begin no later than January 1, 2002.~~ The data
 25 transmitted to the authority pursuant to this Code section shall be transmitted to the
 26 Administrative Office of the Courts and to the Georgia Crime Information Center in
 27 satisfaction of the clerk's duties under subsection (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 ~~and to~~
 28 ~~the Georgia Courts Automation Commission who shall provide the data to the~~
 29 ~~Administrative Office of the Courts for use of the state judicial branch.~~ Public access
 30 to said data shall remain the responsibility of the Georgia Crime Information Center.
 31 No release of collected data shall be made by or through the authority;"

32 **SECTION 4.**

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

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

43 **SECTION 5.**

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

46 **SECTION 6.**

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