

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to HB 502:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia,  
2 approved March 2, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3560), as amended, so as to provide a method for  
3 selecting the judge and personnel of the municipal court; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act establishing the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, approved  
7 March 2, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3560), as amended, is amended by revising Section 5-106 as  
8 follows:  
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"Section 5-106.

Municipal Court of the City of Athens;  
Continuation of Operations in  
the Court of the Unified Government.

14 On the effective date of this charter the operations and employees of the Municipal Court  
15 of the City of Athens shall continue as the operations and employees of a court of the  
16 Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County. The Judge of the Municipal Court of the  
17 City of Athens shall be authorized to serve as the Judge of said court. The Unified  
18 Government of Athens-Clarke County shall have the authority by ordinance to establish  
19 and define the method of selecting the Judge and other personnel necessary to operate the  
20 court, their terms of office and compensation, a schedule of fees to defray the cost of  
21 operation, and the jurisdiction and powers of said court insofar as permitted by general law  
22 and any other applicable law; provided, however, that no such fee so charged shall exceed  
23 \$5.00 per case or matter before the court."

24 **SECTION 2.**  
25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.