

House Bill 973

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Levitas of the 82nd, Powell of the 171st, Ramsey of the 72nd, Lane of the 167th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 jurisdiction for magistrate courts, so as to increase the jurisdictional limit in civil claims; to
3 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to jurisdiction for
7 magistrate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

8 "(5) The trial of civil claims including garnishment and attachment in which exclusive
9 jurisdiction is not vested in the superior court and the amount demanded or the value of
10 the property claimed does not exceed ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$25,000.00, provided that no
11 prejudgment attachment may be granted;"

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.