

House Bill 525

By: Representatives Hatfield of the 177th, Lindsey of the 54th, Willard of the 49th, and Weldon of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 9-10-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 grounds for exercise of personal jurisdiction over nonresidents, so as to clarify provisions
3 relating to domestic relations cases; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective
4 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 9-10-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the grounds for
8 exercise of personal jurisdiction over nonresidents, is amended by revising paragraphs (4)
9 through (6) as follows:

10 "(4) Owns, uses, or possesses any real property situated within this state; ~~or~~
11 (5) With respect to proceedings for divorce, separate maintenance, annulment, or other
12 domestic relations action or with respect to an independent action for support of
13 dependents, maintains a matrimonial domicile in this state at the time of the
14 commencement of this action or, if the defendant resided in this state preceding the
15 commencement of the action, whether cohabiting during that time or not, ~~notwithstanding~~
16 ~~the subsequent departure of one of the original parties from this state and as to all~~
17 ~~obligations arising from alimony, child support, apportionment of debt, or real or~~
18 ~~personal property orders or agreements, if one party to the marital relationship continues~~
19 ~~to reside in this state.~~ This paragraph shall not change the residency requirement for
20 filing an action for divorce; or
21 (6) Has been subject to the exercise of jurisdiction of a court of this state which has
22 resulted in an order of alimony, child custody, child support, equitable apportionment of
23 debt, or equitable division of property, ~~notwithstanding the subsequent departure of one~~
24 ~~of the original parties from this state,~~ if the action involves modification of such order and
25 the moving party resides in this state, or if the action involves enforcement of such order
26 notwithstanding the domicile of the moving party."

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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.