

Senate Bill 66

By: Senators Stone of the 23rd, McKoon of the 29th, Crosby of the 13th, Jackson of the 24th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to increase penalties that can be imposed for contempt of superior and state courts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of Code Section 15-6-8, relating to jurisdiction and powers of the superior courts, as follows:

"(5) To punish contempt by fines not exceeding ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.00 and by imprisonment not exceeding 20 days; and"

**SECTION 2.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-7-4, relating to jurisdiction for state courts, as follows:

"(5) The punishment of ~~contempts~~ contempt by ~~fine~~ fines not exceeding ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.00 ~~and~~ by imprisonment not exceeding 20 days, ~~or both~~; and"

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.