

Senate Bill 96

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Stone of the 23rd, Thompson of the 5th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Shafer of the 48th and others

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solicitors-general of state courts, so as to provide that a part-time solicitor-general of the state court and any part-time assistant solicitor-general may engage in the private practice of law but shall not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor-general's state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solicitors-general of state courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-18-63, relating to part-time and full-time solicitors-general and employees, as follows:

"15-18-63.

(a) The General Assembly by local law shall determine whether the solicitor-general shall be a full-time or part-time solicitor-general.

(b) A full-time solicitor-general of the state court or any full-time employees of the solicitor-general ~~may~~ shall not engage in the private practice of law.

(c) A part-time solicitor-general of the state court and any part-time assistant solicitor-general may engage in the private practice of law; but ~~may not practice~~ shall not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor-general's state court ~~or appear in any matter in which that solicitor-general has exercised jurisdiction or appear on behalf of any client, other than the state, in any matter that is within the duties of such solicitor-general."~~

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.