

House Bill 738

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 county law libraries, so as to revise the uses of excess funds by a county law library; 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 Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law  
7 libraries, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 36-15-7, relating to use of  
8 funds, as follows:

9 "(c) In the event the board of trustees determines in its discretion that it has excess funds,  
10 such funds as may be designated by the board of trustees shall be disbursed by the board  
11 of trustees in either of the following manners:

12 (1) Granted ~~granted~~ to charitable tax exempt organizations which provide civil legal  
13 representation for low-income people; or

14 (2) Used to purchase software, equipment, fixtures, or furnishings for the office of the  
15 district attorney or solicitor-general or for county judicial facilities, including but not  
16 limited to courtrooms and jury rooms; provided, however, that the county commissioners  
17 are given a copy of the receipts for such purchases.

18 Any remaining excess funds ~~shall~~ may be turned over to the county commissioners, and  
19 ~~said funds upon being turned over,~~ shall be used by the county commissioners for the  
20 purchase of equipment, fixtures, and furnishings for the courthouse."

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

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.