

House Bill 1116

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Holcomb of the 81st, Bennett of the 80th, Stephenson of the 90th, Taylor of the 79th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil
2 and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401),
3 as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 3, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3501), so as to
4 provide for the payment of costs in such court; to provide for a failure to appear fee in such
5 court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and
9 Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as
10 amended, particularly by an Act approved March 3, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3501), is amended
11 by adding a new section to Part 2 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 2-8.

13 (a) Each person who is ordered to pay a fine for, is convicted of, or pleads guilty or enters
14 a plea of nolo contendere to any violation shall pay court costs of \$25.00 unless otherwise
15 ordered by the sentencing judge. Such court costs may be included in an order of probation
16 and paid during the probated part of any sentence. Such court costs shall be used to defray
17 the cost of operating the state court.
18 (b) Each person who fails to appear for a scheduled court appearance, pursuant to a
19 citation, or court notice, shall pay a \$50.00 failure to appear fee, unless otherwise ordered
20 by the sentencing judge. Such fee may be included in an order of probation and paid
21 during the probated part of any sentence."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.