

Senate Bill 448

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Jordan of the 6th, Jones II of the 22nd, Karinshak of the 48th and Harbison of the 15th

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 allow county governing authorities to authorize the charging
3 and collection of law library fees in county recorders' courts and magistrate courts; to amend
4 Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees
5 and costs of magistrate courts, so as to provide for the charging of law library fees in
6 magistrate courts by general law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law
11 libraries, is amended in Code Section 36-15-9, relating to collection of additional costs in
12 court cases, amount, determination of need as prerequisite to collection, and collection in
13 certain criminal cases, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

14 "(e) Notwithstanding that provision of subsection (a) of this Code section which excepts
15 county recorders' courts, ~~and municipal courts, and courts which are not courts of record~~
16 from the requirement of charging and collecting the additional costs provided for by that
17 subsection (a), subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section shall apply to any municipal
18 court, county recorders' court, or magistrate court ~~of a municipality~~ if the governing
19 authority of the municipality or county thereof, by ordinance or resolutions, approves the
20 charging and collecting of such costs pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this Code
21 section."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees
24 and costs of magistrate courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-10-86, relating to law
25 library fees, as follows:

26 "15-10-86.

27 Law library fees shall not be charged unless otherwise provided by Code Section 36-15-9

28 or by local law."

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SECTION 3.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.