

House Bill 1346

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to clerks of superior courts, so as to provide for construction; to provide for related  
3 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 Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
7 clerks of superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-52, relating to practice  
8 of law restricted, as follows:

9 "15-6-52.

10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ clerks of the superior  
11 courts are prohibited from practicing law in their own or another's name, as a partner or  
12 otherwise, in any court except in their own case.

13 (b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit in any way the ability of a clerk  
14 of a superior court to serve as or offer advice in his or her role as a judge advocate or in any  
15 other military role in an active duty or reserve component of the United States Army,  
16 United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States

17 Air Force, United States National Guard, Georgia National Guard, Georgia Air National  
18 Guard, Georgia Naval Militia, the Georgia State Defense Force, or in the National Guard  
19 or Air National Guard of any state or territory of the United States."

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**SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.