

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 298:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments,  
3 orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases  
4 involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving  
5 nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate  
6 procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state  
7 or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory  
8 construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
9 purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and  
13 rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions  
14 not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital  
15 offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in

16 child custody cases, is amended in subsection (a) by revising paragraphs (12) and (13) and  
17 by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

18 "(12) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 35-3-37; ~~and~~  
19 (13) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 9-11-11.1; ~~and~~  
20 (14) All judgments, orders, or rulings denying or refusing to grant immunity to one or  
21 more parties based upon sovereign, municipal, official, qualified, or any other immunity  
22 established by the United States Constitution or the Constitution, laws, or common law  
23 of this state shall have the right of direct appeal under this paragraph, and such right shall  
24 be exercised within thirty days of any judgment, order, or ruling. The right of direct  
25 appeal under this paragraph shall not be exercised by any one party more than once in any  
26 civil action. This paragraph shall not preclude taking an appeal pursuant to any other  
27 paragraph in this subsection."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.