

Senate Bill 405

By: Senator Setzler of the 37th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general jurisdiction and authority of magistrate to act, so as to increase the maximum amount
3 of civil claims that can be tried in magistrate court; to provide for related matters; to provide
4 for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 jurisdiction and authority of magistrate to act, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of
9 subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(5) The trial of civil claims including garnishment and attachment in which exclusive
11 jurisdiction is not vested in the superior court and the amount demanded or the value of
12 the property claimed does not exceed ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$50,000.00, provided that no
13 prejudgment attachment may be granted;"

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to causes of action accruing
16 on or after such date.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.