

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 792:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, so as to increase the amount of  
3 magistrate court claims from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00; to provide for related matters; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 general provisions relative to magistrate courts, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of  
9 subsection (a) of Code Section 15-10-2, relating to general jurisdiction and authority of  
10 magistrate to act, as follows:

11 "(5) The trial of civil claims including garnishment and attachment in which exclusive  
12 jurisdiction is not vested in the superior court and the amount demanded or the value of  
13 the property claimed does not exceed ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$25,000.00, provided that no  
14 prejudgment attachment may be granted;"

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**SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.