

House Bill 792 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gambill of the 15th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, and others

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16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.