

WITHDRAWN

Senators McNeel of the 18th and Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #2:

1 *Amend HB 1185 (LC 62 0291-EC) by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:*

2 To amend Titles 9, 14, 15, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil
3 practice, corporations, partnerships, and associations, courts, and torts, respectively, so as to
4 provide for

5 *By inserting after "situations;" on line 7 the following:*

6 to revise a provision for consolidation of civil actions; to repeal certain provisions for the
7 joining of multiple claims in a single action, for venue and forum, and for consolidation of
8 claims;

9 *By inserting after line 400 the following:*

10 **SECTION 21.**

11 Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended in
12 Code Section 9-11-42, relating to consolidation and evidence, by revising subsection (a) as
13 follows:

14 "(a) **Consolidation.** When actions involving a common question of law or fact are
15 pending before the court, ~~if the parties consent,~~ the court may order a joint hearing or trial
16 of any or all the matters in issue in the actions; it may order all the actions consolidated;
17 and it may make such orders concerning proceedings therein as may tend to avoid
18 unnecessary costs or delay."

- 42 filed on or after May 1, 2007, shall be subject to and comply with Code Sections ~~51-14-7~~,
- 43 ~~51-14-8~~; and ~~51-14-9~~, ~~51-14-10~~, and ~~51-14-11~~, as they exist on May 1, 2007."
- 44 *By redesignating Sections 21 and 22 as Sections 26 and 27, respectively.*