

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 1027:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to  
2 provide for filing of documents in superior and state courts by electronic means; to change  
3 provisions relating to filing documents by electronic means in magistrate courts; to provide  
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising  
8 Code Section 15-6-11, which was previously reserved, as follows:

9 "15-6-11.

10 By court rule or standing order, any superior court may provide for the filing of pleadings  
11 and any other documents and for the acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic  
12 means Reserved."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said title is further amended by a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "15-7-5.

16 By court rule or standing order, any state court may provide for the filing of pleadings and  
17 any other documents and for the acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic  
18 means."

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (i) and adding a new subsection to Code  
21 Section 15-10-53, relating to filing documents by electronic means, to read as follows:

22 "(i) Any pleading or document filed electronically shall be deemed filed as of the time ~~the~~  
23 ~~clerk of court gains electronic control of the document~~ of its receipt by the electronic filing  
24 service provider."

25 "(1) When a filing involves the transfer of funds, the court may establish a procedure for  
26 making such transactions by electronic means."

27 **SECTION 4.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.