

Senate Bill 160

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Harbin of the 16th and Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend to amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil
2 practice, so as to change certain provisions relating to the tolling of limitations for tort
3 actions while criminal prosecution is pending; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended by
8 revising Code Section 9-3-99, relating to the tolling of limitations for tort actions while
9 criminal prosecution is pending, as follows:

10 "9-3-99.

11 The running of the period of limitations with respect to any cause of action in tort that may
12 be brought by the victim of an alleged ~~crime~~ felony which arises out of the facts and
13 circumstances relating to the commission of such alleged ~~crime~~ felony committed in this
14 state shall be tolled from the date of the commission of the alleged ~~crime or the act~~ felony
15 giving rise to such action in tort until the prosecution of such ~~crime or act~~ felony has

16 become final or otherwise terminated, provided that such time does not exceed six years,
17 except as otherwise provided in Code Section 9-3-33.1."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.