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Operational Issues:
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Who owns the law?
29. Indeed, "[a]s a matter of longstanding public policy, the U.S. Copyright Office will not register a government edict that has been issued by any state, local, or territorial government, including legislative enactments, judicial decisions, administrative rulings, public ordinances, or similar types of official legal materials.” Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition, Sec. 313.6(C)(2)
why are these cases always in Georgia?
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AND AMERICA WILL PAY FOR IT.
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Lawriter’s record, however, Fastcase has not entered into a subscription with Lawriter for the Electronic Files and therefore appears to be offering the Electronic Files without Lawriter’s consent or authorization, and in violation of Lawriter’s legal rights. We trust this is simply an oversight on the part of Fastcase, and if so, Lawriter stands ready to enter into a subscription agreement with Fastcase for the Electronic Files.

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TOS is the new ©
States are pinched.
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