

House Bill 800 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Pirkle of the 155th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Ben
2 Hill County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the
3 termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 (a) The clerk of the Probate Court of Ben Hill County is hereby authorized to charge and
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to
9 exceed \$10.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed \$10.00 as
10 a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used
11 exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Probate Court of Ben Hill County.
12 Such uses shall include only the following:

- 13 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
14 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware; and
15 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
16 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.

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17 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
18 the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this
19 section.

20 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on
21 July 1, 2031, and any residual funds remaining in the fund established by this section shall
22 remain dedicated to general Ben Hill County technology uses.

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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.