

House Bill 1270 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) The clerk of the Probate Court of Atkinson County is hereby authorized to charge and  
9 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in the amount of \$5.00 for  
10 the filing of each civil action with the court and \$5.00 as a surcharge upon each fine assessed  
11 by the court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological  
12 needs of the Probate Court of Atkinson County. 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.

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 segregated account established by this  
22 section shall then become dedicated to general Atkinson County technology uses.

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**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.