

House Bill 1596 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Fayette County, approved April 13, 1994
2 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4980), as amended, so as to authorize the assessment and collection of a
3 technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the State Court of Fayette County, approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994,
8 p. 4980), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

9 "SECTION 15A.

10 (a) The clerk of the State Court of Fayette County is hereby authorized to charge and
11 collect a technology fee to be set by the court in an amount not to exceed \$5.00 for the
12 filing of each civil action with the court or as a surcharge to each criminal fine paid to the
13 court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs
14 of the State Court of Fayette County. Such uses shall include only the following:

15 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;

16 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software; and

17 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
18 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.

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

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.