

House Bill 749 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Smith of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of
2 Haralson 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 needs; 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 **SECTION 1.**

7 (a) The clerk of the Magistrate Court of Haralson County is hereby authorized to charge and
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the chief magistrate in an amount not to exceed \$15.00
9 as a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court for violations of Title 40 of the Official
10 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic. Such technology fees
11 shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Magistrate Court of
12 Haralson County and the Sheriff of Haralson County. Such uses shall include only the
13 following:

- 14 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
15 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;

16 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of audio-visual, imaging, scanning,
17 facsimile, communications, recording, projection, and printing equipment and software;
18 and

19 (4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court or sheriff
20 records and the archival of the same to digital contents for public access.

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

24 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on
25 July 1, 2033, and any residual funds remaining in the fund established by this section shall
26 remain dedicated to general Haralson County technology needs.

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.