

House Bill 1189 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016  
2 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3699), so as to authorize the municipal court to collect a technology fee; to  
3 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Barwick, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L.  
7 2016, p. 3699), is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

8 "SECTION 4.17.

9 Technology fee.

10 (a) The clerk of the municipal court shall be authorized to charge and collect a technology  
11 fee as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine levied or charged by the court.  
12 The rate of such technology fee shall be set by the mayor and city council, and may be  
13 amended by the same from time to time. Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for  
14 the following technological needs of the court:

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15 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and  
16 software; and

17 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used  
18 for imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing.

19 (b) All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account  
20 by the clerk of the municipal court separate from other funds of the city and shall be  
21 expended only for authorized purposes upon order of the judge of the municipal court  
22 following consultation with the clerk of the municipal court and the chief of police."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.