

House Bill 1281 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, Reese of the 140th, and Buckner of the 137th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Recorder's Court of
2 Columbus, Georgia; 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 automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) The clerk of the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia is hereby authorized to charge
9 and collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of said court in an amount not to
10 exceed \$10.00 on each fine imposed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used
11 exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia.
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 software;

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

18 (4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and
19 archival of the same to digital content for public access.

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

22 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on
23 July 1, 2033, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)
24 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia uses
25 at the discretion of the judge.

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.