

House Bill 1347 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Stinson of the 150th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of
2 Taylor 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 uses; 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 Taylor County is hereby authorized to charge and
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the magistrate court in an amount not to
9 exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action or proceeding with the court and not to exceed
10 \$5.00 as a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be
11 used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Magistrate Court of Taylor
12 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 software;
15 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
16 communications, projection, recording, and printing equipment and software; and

17 (4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and
18 digital contents for public access.

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

22 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on
23 July 1, 2034, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)
24 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Taylor County technology uses.

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.