

House Bill 1469 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Emerson to charge a technology fee; to
2 specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws;
3 and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 (a) The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Emerson shall be entitled to charge and
7 collect a technology fee as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid. The
8 technology fee shall be set by order of the judge of the court, provided that the fee shall not
9 exceed \$5.00.

10 (b) The fee authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall be used exclusively to provide
11 for the following technological needs of the court and the city's police department:

12 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and
13 software; and

14 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used
15 for imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing.

16 (c) All funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be maintained in a segregated account by
17 the chief financial officer of the city and clerk of court, separate from other funds of the city,
18 and shall be expended only for authorized purposes upon direction of the city manager. The
19 funds may be used to reimburse the city's information technology department for services
20 provided to the court or police department.

21 (d) The authorization in subsection (a) of this Act to charge and collect a technology fee
22 shall expire on July 1, 2029, unless prior to such date the governing authority of the City of
23 Emerson enacts an ordinance renewing such authorization for a further five-year period. The
24 governing authority of the City of Emerson may further renew such authorization for
25 subsequent five-year periods through the adoption of subsequent ordinances.

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.