

House Bill 952 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment, collection, and distribution of a technology fee by the
2 Magistrate Court of Habersham County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology
3 fee; to provide for the maintenance of such technology fee funds; to provide for the
4 termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to
5 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) The clerk of Magistrate Court of Habersham County shall be entitled to charge and
9 collect a technology fee to be set by the chief magistrate in an amount not to exceed \$10.00
10 for the filing of each civil action or proceeding with the court and not to exceed \$10.00 as
11 a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used
12 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the Magistrate Court of Habersham
13 County. Such uses shall include only the 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 (4) Purchase or lease of data storage;

19 (5) Purchase of local or remote technological support services and equipment which may
20 be used to connect to cellular radio systems, remote internet, and any other remote access
21 system;

22 (6) Lease, purchase, maintenance, and installation of platforms, user agreements, and
23 licenses for online, remote or cloud based document storage platforms; and

24 (7) Cybersecurity insurance.

25 (b) The funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account
26 by the clerk of Magistrate Court of Habersham County and shall be used only for the
27 purposes authorized in this section.

28 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on
29 July 1, 2044, and any funds remaining in the fund established by this section shall remain
30 dedicated to general Habersham County technology uses.

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.