

House Bill 596 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Cannon of the 172nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Colquitt
2 County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination
3 of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology needs; to provide for
4 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 State Court of Colquitt County is hereby authorized to charge and collect
8 a technology fee in an amount of \$10.00 as a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court
9 for violations of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic. Such
10 technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the State
11 Court of Colquitt County and the Sheriff of Colquitt County. Such uses shall include only
12 the following:

- 13 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
14 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;

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

(4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court or sheriff records and the archival of the same to digital contents for public access.

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

(c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on July 1, 2035, and any residual funds remaining in the fund established by this section shall remain dedicated to general Colquitt County technology needs.

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.