

House Bill 1358 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of  
2 Brooks County; to provide for authorized uses of the proceeds of such technology fee; to  
3 provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; 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 Brooks County is hereby authorized to charge and  
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the chief magistrate in an amount not to exceed \$10.00  
9 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed \$10.00 as a surcharge upon  
10 each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide  
11 for the technological needs of the Magistrate Court of Brooks County. Such uses shall  
12 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, and printing equipment and software;  
17 and

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

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

23 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on  
24 July 1, 2036, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)  
25 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Brooks County technology uses.

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.