

House Bill 935 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Taylor of the 173rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of
2 Thomas 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 provide for related
4 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 Probate Court of Thomas County is hereby authorized to charge and
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to
9 exceed \$10.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court. Such technology fees shall
10 be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Probate Court of Thomas
11 County. Such uses shall include only the following:

- 12 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
13 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware; and
14 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
15 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.

16 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
17 the clerk of the probate court, subject to audit by an auditor approved by the governing
18 authority of Thomas County, and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this
19 section.

20 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on
21 July 1, 2031, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)
22 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Thomas County technology uses; provided,
23 however, that, if the Probate Court of Thomas County determines there to be a surplus of
24 such funds, the judge of said court may declare a surplus once a year and transfer such
25 surplus to the governing authority of Thomas County.

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.