

House Bill 936 (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 Municipal Court of the
2 City of Berlin; 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 Municipal Court of the City of Berlin is hereby authorized to charge and
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the municipal court in an amount not to
9 exceed \$10.00 as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid to the court. Such
10 technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Municipal
11 Court of the City of Berlin. 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 municipal court, subject to audit by an auditor approved by the governing
18 authority of the City of Berlin, 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, 2030, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)
22 of this section shall remain dedicated to general City of Berlin technology uses; provided,
23 however, that, if the governing authority of the City of Berlin determines there to be a surplus
24 of such funds, the clerk of said court may transfer such surplus to the governing authority of
25 the City of Berlin.

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.