

House Bill 596 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of  
2 Washington County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for  
3 the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 (a) The clerk of the State Court of Washington County is hereby authorized to charge and  
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the state court in an amount not to exceed  
9 \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed \$5.00 as a surcharge  
10 upon each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to  
11 provide for technological needs of the State Court of Washington County. Such uses shall  
12 include the:

- 13 (1) Purchase of computer hardware and software;  
14 (2) Leasing, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware; and  
15 (3) Purchase, leasing, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,  
16 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.

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

19 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on  
20 July 1, 2029, and any residual funds remaining in the fund established by this section shall  
21 remain dedicated to general Washington County technology uses.

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.