

House Bill 1325

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga.
2 L. 1998, p. 3954), as amended, so as to authorize the court to charge a technology fee for
3 each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which said
4 technology fees may be put; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998,
9 p. 3954), as amended, is amended by striking Section 6 of said Act and inserting in its place
10 the following:

11 "SECTION 6.

12 (a) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect the same fees as the
13 clerk of the superior court is entitled to charge and collect for the same or similar services.
14 All such fees shall be paid into the county treasury, except those sums which are directed
15 by law to be paid otherwise.

16 (b) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee to
17 be set by the court in an amount not to exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action and
18 not to exceed \$5.00 as a surcharge to each fine paid. Technology fees shall be used
19 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the court. Such uses shall include
20 only the following:

- 21 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
22 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software; and
23 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
24 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.

1 The funds collected pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained in a segregated fund by
2 the clerk of the court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this subsection
3 at the direction of the chief judge of the court."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2002.

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.