

House Bill 804

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To provide for the imposition of court information technology fees in Liberty County for
2 each civil case filed and each fine imposed; to specify the uses to which said information
3 technology fees may be put; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 (a) The Liberty County Court Technology Fund is hereby created to provide adequate
8 technology for the superior, state, juvenile, and magistrate courts of Liberty County.

9 (b) Effective July 1, 2003:

10 (1) The clerk of the superior court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee
11 to be set by the chief judge of the court in an amount not less than \$3.00 nor more than
12 \$5.00 as a surcharge for each civil action filed and for each fine paid in superior court;
13 (2) The clerk of the magistrate court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology
14 fee to be set by the chief judge of the court in an amount not less than \$3.00 nor more
15 than \$5.00 as a surcharge for each civil action filed and for each fine paid in magistrate
16 court;

17 (3) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee to
18 be set by the chief judge of the court in an amount not less than \$3.00 nor more than
19 \$5.00 as a surcharge for each civil action filed and for each fine paid in state court; and

20 (4) The clerk of the juvenile court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee
21 to be set by the chief judge of the court in an amount not less than \$3.00 nor more than
22 \$5.00 as a surcharge for each civil action filed and for each fine paid in juvenile court.

23 (c) Technology fees provided for in this section shall be used exclusively to provide for the
24 technological needs of the superior, magistrate, state, and juvenile courts of Liberty County.

25 Such uses shall include the following:

26 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;

- 1 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software; and
- 2 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
- 3 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.
- 4 (d) Funds collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be administered and
- 5 maintained as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.
- 6 (e) The clerk of the superior court shall administer the Liberty County Court Technology
- 7 Fund created by this Act.
- 8 (f) Funds collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be maintained by the clerk
- 9 of the superior court in a segregated fund and shall be expended by the clerk of the superior
- 10 court only for the purposes authorized in this Act and on behalf of the court from which such
- 11 fees originated. The clerk of the superior court shall collaborate with the judges of the
- 12 respective courts for the purposes of effectuating the provisions of this Act. At the end of
- 13 each fiscal year, the clerk of the superior court shall provide a detailed report of all income
- 14 derived and expenditures made from funds to the judge of the court from which respective
- 15 fees were derived and to the chairperson of the county governing authority.

SECTION 2.

17 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
18 without such approval.

SECTION 3.

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