

House Bill 1660 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964
2 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga.
3 L. 1994, p. 3985), so as to provide for the imposition and collection of a fee to be used for
4 fulfilling the technological needs of the state court; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964,
9 p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p.
10 3985), is amended by inserting immediately after Section 26 a new Section 26A to read as
11 follows:

12 "SECTION 26A.

13 (a) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee at
14 the time of filing of each civil action in an amount not to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all
15 other legal fees and costs associated with the filing of each civil action.

16 (b) In every case in which the state court shall impose a fine, which shall be construed to
17 include fees or costs, for any offense against a criminal or traffic law of this state there
18 shall be imposed as an additional penalty, designated as a technology fee, an amount not
19 to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all other legal fees and costs associated with the case.

20 (c) The amount of the technology fee to be charged and collected in each case, either civil
21 or criminal, shall be fixed by the chief judge of the state court.

22 (d) Technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the
23 state court and its support offices and personnel, including but not limited to the purchase,
24 lease, installation, and maintenance of computer, imaging, scanning, facsimile,
25 communications, projection, information storage, and printing hardware and related

1 equipment together with any and all software associated therewith and all consultation and
2 training relevant thereto."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.