

House Bill 708

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Recorder's Court of Chatham County to impose and collect a technology  
2 fee for each criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which said technology fees may be  
3 put; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Upon a finding by the chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County that a need  
7 exists for imposition and collection of a technology fee, the clerk of court shall be entitled  
8 to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$5.00, as a  
9 surcharge to each fine imposed. Technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the  
10 technological needs of the court as follows: computer hardware purchase, lease, maintenance,  
11 and installation; imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing  
12 equipment; and software purchase, lease, maintenance, development, and installation. The  
13 funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated fund by the  
14 clerk of court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this section.

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

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

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.