

House Bill 1260

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create and establish for the County of Gwinnett a court to be known as  
2 the Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3125),  
3 as amended, so as to authorize the Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County to impose and  
4 collect a technology fee for each criminal fine imposed; to authorize the county governing  
5 authority to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be put through the use of its  
6 annual budget development and adoption process; to provide for related matters; to provide  
7 for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 An Act to create and establish for the County of Gwinnett a court to be known as the  
11 Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3125), as  
12 amended, is amended by adding a new Section 35 to read as follows:

13 "SECTION 35.

14 The clerk of the Recorder's Court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee  
15 to be set by the judges of the Recorder's Court, not to exceed \$15.00, as a surcharge to each  
16 fine imposed. Technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological  
17 needs of the Recorder's Court, the Gwinnett County Police Department, the Gwinnett  
18 County Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and the Gwinnett County Sheriff's  
19 Department, as follows: computer hardware purchase, lease, maintenance, installation, and  
20 training; software purchase, lease, maintenance, development, installation, and training;  
21 cellular equipment; imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, and projection  
22 equipment; and printing supplies. The funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall  
23 be maintained in a segregated fund by the Gwinnett County Department of Financial  
24 Services and shall be used solely for the purposes authorized in this section. Allocations  
25 of fees collected for the purposes authorized in this section shall be determined in the

26 Gwinnett County annual budget development and adoption process. The technology fee  
27 authorized by this section shall not be collected after July 1, 2013, and this section shall be  
28 repealed by operation of law on that date."

29 **SECTION 2.**

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

32 **SECTION 3.**

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