

House Bill 1278

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Magistrate Court of Spalding County to charge a technology fee for each  
2 civil case filed and criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such technology fees  
3 may be 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 **SECTION 1.**

6 The clerk of the Magistrate Court of Spalding County shall be entitled to charge and collect  
7 a technology fee for the filing of each civil action or as a surcharge to each criminal fine  
8 paid. The technology fee shall be set by the court, provided that the fee shall not exceed  
9 \$5.00. Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for the following technological needs  
10 of the court and the clerk of the magistrate court: the purchase, lease, maintenance, and  
11 installation of computer hardware and software; and the purchase, lease, maintenance, and  
12 installation of equipment and software used for imaging, scanning, facsimile,  
13 communications, projections, and printing. All funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be  
14 maintained in a segregated fund by the clerk of the magistrate court and shall be used only  
15 for authorized purposes at the direction of the chief judge of the magistrate court.

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.