

House Bill 1280

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Spalding County, approved December 14, 1897  
2 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 462), as amended, so as to authorize the court to charge a technology fee for  
3 each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such  
4 technology fees may be put; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Spalding County, approved December 14, 1897 (Ga. L.  
9 1897, p. 462), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 3B.

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

21 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.