

House Bill 498

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Magistrate Court of Sumter County to charge a technology fee for each civil
2 case filed and criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may
3 be put; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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

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

18 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

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

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.