

House Bill 583

By: Representatives Knight of the 130th and Yates of the 73rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin to charge a technology fee for each
2 civil case and criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may
3 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 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin 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 order of the judge of the court, provided that the fee
9 shall not exceed \$5.00. Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for the following
10 technological needs of the court: the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of
11 computer hardware and software; and the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of
12 equipment and software used for imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections,
13 and printing. All funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be maintained in a segregated
14 account by the clerk of the court, separate from other funds of the city, and shall be expended
15 only for authorized purposes upon order of the judge after consultation with the clerk and
16 public safety director. The funds may be used to reimburse the city's information technology
17 department for services provided to the court.

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

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

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

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.