

House Bill 556 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, to impose and collect a technology
2 fee for each fine imposed; to specify the uses to which said technology fees may be put; to
3 provide for automatic repeal; 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 Upon a finding by the chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, that a need
7 exists for imposition and collection of a technology fee, the clerk of court shall be entitled
8 to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$15.00, as a
9 surcharge to each fine imposed; provided, however, that such surcharge shall not be added
10 to a fine established by general law. Technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide
11 for the technological needs of the court as follows: computer hardware purchase, lease,
12 maintenance, and installation; imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and
13 printing equipment; and software purchase, lease, maintenance, development, and
14 installation. The funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a
15 segregated fund by the clerk of court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in
16 this section.

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

18 This Act shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2016.

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

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.