

House Bill 450 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hill of the 22nd, Caldwell of the 20th, and Turner of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Cherokee County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga.
2 L. 1996, p. 4427), 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 said
4 technology fees may be put; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Cherokee County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996,
9 p. 4427), as amended, is amended by designating the current provisions of Section 14 as
10 subsection (a) thereof and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) The clerk of the State Court of Cherokee County shall be entitled to charge and collect
12 a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action
13 and not to exceed \$5.00 as a surcharge to each fine paid. Technology fees shall be used
14 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the court as follows: computer
15 hardware and software purchase, courtroom display systems, lease, maintenance, and
16 installation; and imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing
17 equipment and software purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation. The funds collected
18 pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated fund by the clerk of court,
19 shall be disbursed at the discretion of the chief judge, and shall be used only for the
20 purposes authorized in this subsection at the direction of the chief judge of the court."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall stand automatically repealed on July 30, 2018.

23 **SECTION 3.**

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

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SECTION 4.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.