

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to HB 583:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin to charge a technology fee for each criminal and quasi-criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be put; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid. The technology fee shall be set by order of the judge of the court, provided that the fee shall not exceed \$5.00. Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for the following technological needs of the court: the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software; and the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used for imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing. All funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of the court, separate from other funds of the city, and shall be expended only for authorized purposes upon order of the judge after consultation with the clerk and public safety director. The funds may be used to reimburse the city's information technology department for services provided to the court.

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.