

House Bill 858

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 amend an Act authorizing the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, to impose and
2 collect a technology fee for each fine imposed, approved May 7, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4414),
3 so as to increase the amount of such fee; to repeal an automatic repeal of such Act; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act authorizing the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, to impose and collect a
8 technology fee for each fine imposed, approved May 7, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4414), is
9 amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

10 "SECTION 1.

11 Upon a finding by the chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, that a
12 need exists for imposition and collection of a technology fee, the clerk of court shall be
13 entitled to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$25.00,
14 as a surcharge to each fine imposed; provided, however, that such surcharge shall not be
15 added to a fine established by general law. Technology fees shall be used exclusively to
16 provide for the technological needs of the court as follows: computer hardware purchase,
17 lease, maintenance, and installation; imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications,
18 projection, and printing equipment; and software purchase, lease, maintenance,
19 development, and installation. The funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be
20 maintained in a segregated fund by the clerk of court and shall be used only for the
21 purposes authorized in this section."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said Act is further amended by repealing Section 2 of said Act.

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.