

House Bill 644 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pooler, approved May 17, 2004  
2 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3726), as amended, so as to authorize the assessment and collection of a  
3 technology fee by the Municipal Court of the City of Pooler; to identify the authorized uses  
4 of said technology fee; to provide for the deposit of fees; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pooler, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004,  
9 p. 3726), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 5.16.

11 Technology fee.

12 (a) The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Pooler shall be entitled to assess and  
13 collect a technology fee as a surcharge to each criminal fine imposed by the court. Said  
14 technology fee shall be in addition to any other fees or surcharges authorized by law.

15 (b) The fee assessed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be set by the court, but  
16 in no event shall said fee exceed \$5.00.

17 (c) The fee assessed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be used exclusively to  
18 provide for the following technological needs of the court:

19 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and  
20 software; and

21 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used  
22 for imaging, scanning, facsimiles, communications, projection, storage, and printing.

23 (d) All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in a segregated fund  
24 maintained by the clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Pooler, and shall be used only  
25 for purpose provided for in this section."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.