

House Bill 1582

By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th and Gullett of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Dallas in Paulding County,
2 approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4121), as amended, so as to authorize the
3 assessment and collection of a technology fee by the municipal court; to identify the
4 authorized uses of said technology fee; to provide for the deposit of fees; to provide that the
5 public safety director may authorize use of said fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Dallas in Paulding County, approved
10 March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4121), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to
11 read as follows:

12 "SECTION 4.16.
13 Technology Fee.

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

17 (b) The fee charged pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be set by the court, but
18 in no event shall said fee exceed \$20.00.

19 (c) Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for the following technological needs of
20 the court and the police department:

21 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and
22 software;

23 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used
24 for imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing; and

25 (3) Police department hardware, software, and issued body-worn camera equipment.

26 (d) All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account
27 by the clerk of the court, separate from other funds of the city, and shall be expended only
28 for authorized purposes upon order of the judge after consultation with the clerk and police
29 chief. The funds may be used to reimburse the city's information technology department
30 for services provided to the court and for police department technology."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.