

House Bill 645

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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 Sylvester, approved May 13, 2008  
2 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4219), as amended, so as to authorize the municipal court to levy and collect  
3 a technology fee; to provide for authorized uses of the proceeds of such fee; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Sylvester, approved May 13, 2008  
8 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4219), as amended, is amended by adding a new subsection to Section 4.13  
9 to read as follows:

10 "(i)(1) The clerk of the municipal court shall be entitled to charge and collect a  
11 technology fee as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid. Said  
12 technology fee shall be in addition to any other fees or surcharges authorized by law. The  
13 technology fee shall be set by order of the judge of the court, provided that the fee shall  
14 not exceed \$20.00.

15 (2) Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for the following technological needs  
16 of the court and the police department, including but not limited to the purchase, lease,

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17 maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software; and the purchase,  
18 lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used for imaging,  
19 scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing.

20 (3) All funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be maintained in a segregated account  
21 by the chief financial officer of the city and clerk of court, separate from other funds of  
22 the city, and shall be expended only for authorized purposes upon direction of the city  
23 manager. The funds may be used to reimburse the city's information technology  
24 department for services provided to the court or police department."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.