

House Bill 862 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Rogers of the 15th, Murphy of the 14th, Post 2, Knox of the 14th, Post 1, Franklin of the 17th, Hill of the 16th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Cherokee County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4427), as amended, so as to authorize the court to charge a technology fee for each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which said technology fees may be put; to provide conditions for an automatic repeal; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the State Court of Cherokee County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4427), as amended, is amended by designating the current provisions of Section 14 as subsection (a) thereof and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The clerk of the State Court of Cherokee County shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action and not to exceed \$5.00 as a surcharge to each fine paid. Technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the court as follows: computer hardware and software purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation; and imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment and software purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation. The funds collected pursuant to this authorization shall be maintained in a segregated fund by the clerk of court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this subsection at the direction of the judges of the court.”

SECTION 2.

This Act shall be automatically repealed on July 1, 2006, unless repealed earlier pursuant to Section 3 of this Act.

SECTION 3.

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2 This Act shall not become effective and shall stand automatically repealed if House Bill 240
3 introduced in the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly is enacted and becomes
4 law.

SECTION 4.

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6 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2003.

SECTION 5.

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8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.