Senate Bill 583

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Reed of the 35th and Thompson of the 33rd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Douglas County, approved April 1, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3606), so as to provide for an additional fee for each civil action filed; to provide that such fee shall be used for a certain purpose; 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 Douglas County, approved April 1, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3606), is amended by inserting at the end of Section 13 two new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) The clerk of the state court shall collect an additional fee to be known as a 'technology fee' for each civil action filed in said court. The amount of said fee shall be not less than $3.00 nor more than $5.00 per filing. Such fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of said court, including, without limitation, computer hardware and software purchases; lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software; and the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment and software.

(d) The fees collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be deposited into a technology fund administered by the clerk of said court. Such funds shall be segregated and shall be expended by said clerk only for the purposes authorized in this section. The clerk shall collaborate with the judges of said court to ensure the effective implementation of this subsection. At the end of each calendar year, the clerk shall provide a detailed report of all income and expenditures of the fund to the judges of said court and to the governing authority of Douglas County."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.