

Senate Bill 339

By: Senator Summers of the 13th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Crisp
2 County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination
3 of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; 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 (a) The clerk of the Probate Court of Crisp County is hereby authorized to charge and collect
8 a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to exceed \$5.00
9 for the filing of each civil action or proceeding with the court and not to exceed \$5.00 as a
10 surcharge on each fine paid. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for
11 technological needs of the Probate Court of Crisp County. Such uses shall include only the
12 following:

- 13 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
14 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;
15 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
16 communications, projection, recording, and printing equipment and software; and

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17 (4) Procurement of services, personnel, and equipment for the conservation of court
18 records and archiving the same to digital formats for public access.

19 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
20 the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this
21 section.

22 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on
23 July 1, 2034, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)
24 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Crisp County technology uses.

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.