

House Bill 174

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville to charge a technology fee; to  
2 identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
3 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 (a) The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville shall be entitled to charge and  
7 collect a technology fee as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid. The  
8 technology fee shall be set by order of the judge of the court, provided that the fee shall not  
9 exceed \$5.00.

10 (b) The fee authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall be used exclusively to provide  
11 for the following technological needs of the court and the city's police department:

12 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and  
13 software; and

14 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used  
15 for imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing.

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

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**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.