

House Bill 39 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment, collection, and distribution of a technology fee by the  
2 Magistrate Court of Habersham County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology  
3 fee; to provide for the maintenance of such technology fee funds; to provide for the  
4 termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to  
5 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 (a) The clerk of the Magistrate Court of Habersham County shall be entitled to charge and  
10 collect a technology fee to be set by the chief magistrate in an amount not to exceed \$10.00  
11 for the filing of each civil action or proceeding with the court and not to exceed \$10.00 as  
12 a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used  
13 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the Magistrate Court of Habersham  
14 County. Such uses shall include only the following:

- 15 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;  
16 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;

- 17 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of audio-visual, imaging, scanning,  
18 facsimile, communications, recording, projection, and printing equipment and software;  
19 (4) Purchase or lease of data storage;  
20 (5) Purchase of local or remote technological support services and equipment which may  
21 be used to connect to cellular radio systems, remote internet, and any other remote access  
22 system;  
23 (6) Lease, purchase, maintenance, and installation of platforms, user agreements, and  
24 licenses for online, remote or cloud based document storage platforms; and  
25 (7) Cybersecurity insurance.
- 26 (b) The funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account  
27 by the clerk of the Magistrate Court of Habersham County and shall be used only for the  
28 purposes authorized in this section.
- 29 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on July 1,  
30 2044, and any funds remaining in the fund established by this section shall remain dedicated  
31 to general Habersham County technology uses.

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
34 without such approval.

35 **SECTION 3.**

36 An Act to authorize the assessment, collection, and distribution of a technology fee by the  
37 Magistrate Court of Habersham County, approved April 22, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3614), is  
38 hereby repealed in its entirety.

39 **SECTION 4.**

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