

House Bill 624

By: Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st, and Smith of the 70th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Carroll
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 provide for related matters; to
4 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 State Court of Carroll County is hereby authorized to charge and collect
8 a technology fee to be set by the judge of the state court in an amount not to exceed \$15.00
9 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed \$15.00 as a surcharge upon
10 each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide
11 for technological needs of the State Court of Carroll County. Such uses shall include only
12 the following:

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

(4) Procurement of services or equipment for the conversion of court records and archives to digital content for public access.

(b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by the clerk of the state court, subject to audit by an auditor approved by the governing authority of Carroll County, and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this section.

(c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on July 1, 2035, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b) of this section shall remain dedicated to general Carroll County technology uses.

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.