

Senate Bill 316

By: Senator Goodman of the 8th

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
2 Clinch County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the
3 administration of such technology fee and funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 (a) The governing authority of Clinch County is authorized to adopt a resolution authorizing
8 the clerk of the Probate Court of Clinch County shall be authorized to charge and collect a
9 technology fee in an amount not to exceed \$5.00, as set from time to time by the governing
10 authority by resolution, for the filing of on every civil action filed, every estate filed, as well
11 as a surcharge on each fine assessed by the probate court, each conviction, and each filing
12 of an affidavit, except for affidavits of indigency. The Probate Court Technology Fee shall
13 be assessed and collected not more than once per party within any one action or proceeding.
14 Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the
15 Probate Court of Clinch County. Such uses shall include only the following:

16 (1) Computer hardware, software, and accessory purchases;

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- 17 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware;
- 18 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,
19 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software; and
- 20 (4) Procurement of services or equipment for the conversion of court records and
21 archives to digital content for public access.
- 22 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be collected by the clerk of the probate
23 court and remitted to the governing authority of the county on a monthly basis. Such
24 proceeds shall be maintained by the governing authority of the county in a separate,
25 segregated account, provided however as long as the Probate Judge and Magistrate Judge are
26 consolidated, the Probate Court Technology Fee and Magistrate Court Technology Fee and
27 may be maintained in a joint consolidated account, and shall be expended solely for the
28 purposes enumerated in subsection (a) of this Act. Such account shall be audited by such
29 governing authority annually.

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SECTION 2.

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