

House Bill 837

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of  
2 Richmond County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the  
3 termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related  
4 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 Richmond County is hereby authorized to charge and  
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to  
9 exceed \$10.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court. Such technology fees shall  
10 be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Probate Court of Richmond  
11 County. Such uses shall include only the following:

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

16 (4) Procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and  
17 archiving the same to digital contents for public access.

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

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

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.