

House Bill 1083

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of  
2 Madison 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 a  
4 contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

16 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, scanning, facsimile,  
17 communications, projection, and printing equipment and software; and

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

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

23 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on  
24 July 1, 2031, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)  
25 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Madison County technology uses.

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## **SECTION 2.**

27 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, provided that an Act to amend Article 5 of  
28 Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and costs  
29 of magistrate courts, is enacted and approved providing that sums and fees collected by  
30 magistrate courts that are authorized by law are in addition to other fees required by such  
31 article. If such Act is not so enacted and approved, this Act shall not become effective and  
32 shall be automatically repealed on July 1, 2026.

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## **SECTION 3.**

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