

House Bill 1528 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Powell of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the  
2 City of Franklin Springs; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide  
3 for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for  
4 related 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 Municipal Court of the City of Franklin Springs is hereby authorized to  
8 charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the municipal court in an amount  
9 not to exceed \$15.00 as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid to the court.

10 Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the  
11 Municipal Court of the City of Franklin Springs. Such uses shall include only the following:

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

16 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by  
17 the clerk of the municipal court, subject to audit by an auditor approved by the governing  
18 authority of the City of Franklin Springs, and shall be used only for the purposes authorized  
19 in this section.

20 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on  
21 July 1, 2036, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)  
22 of this section shall remain dedicated to general City of Franklin Springs technology uses;  
23 provided, however, that, if the governing authority of the City of Franklin Springs determines  
24 there to be a surplus of such funds, the clerk of said court may transfer such surplus to the  
25 governing authority of the City of Franklin Springs.

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.