

House Bill 1539 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 Ware  
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 Probate Court of Ware County is hereby authorized to charge and collect  
8 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 and not to exceed \$10.00 as  
10 a surcharge upon each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used  
11 exclusively to provide for technological needs of the Probate Court of Ware County. Such  
12 uses shall include only the following:

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

17 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by  
18 the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this  
19 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 Ware County technology uses at the  
23 discretion of the Ware County Board of Commissioners.

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.