

House Bill 1548 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Anderson of the 10th

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 Clarkesville; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for
3 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 (a) The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville is hereby authorized to
7 charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the municipal court in an amount
8 not to exceed \$10.00 as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid to the court.
9 Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of the
10 Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville and the city's police department. Such uses shall
11 include only the following:

- 12 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;
13 and
14 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used for
15 case management, data storage, imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections,
16 and printing.

17 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
18 the clerk of the municipal court and the chief financial officer of the city, subject to audit by
19 an auditor approved by the governing authority of the City of Clarkesville, and shall be used
20 only for the purposes authorized in this section. Such funds may be used to reimburse the
21 city's information technology department for services provided to the court or police
22 department.

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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.