

House Bill 1549 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd

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 Cornelia; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related
3 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 Cornelia is hereby authorized to charge
7 and collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the municipal court in an amount not
8 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 Cornelia 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 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used for
14 imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing; and
15 (3) Police department hardware and software, including, but not limited to, associated
16 equipment for body-worn, mobile, stationary, or vehicle mounted cameras; drones; and

17 operations of 9-1-1 emergency response through its dedicated public safety answering point
18 system.

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

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.