

House Bill 1553 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, and Neal of the 79th

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 Forest Park; 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 Forest Park 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 Forest Park and the city's police department. Such uses shall
11 include only the following:

12 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of general technology infrastructure,
13 including computer hardware and software, and equipment used for imaging, scanning,
14 facsimile transmission, communications, projections, and printing;

15 (2) The implementation, maintenance, and upgrade of evidence management systems;

16 (3) The purchase, upkeep, and support of specialized police technology, including
17 associated equipment for body-worn, mobile, stationary, or vehicle mounted cameras,
18 license plate reader systems, and drones; and

19 (4) Any other technology related equipment, system, or service deemed necessary by the
20 governing body of the city for enhancing public safety for the effective operation of the
21 court.

22 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
23 the clerk of the municipal court and the chief financial officer of the city, and shall only be
24 expended for authorized purposes upon the order of the judge of the court, following
25 consulting with the court administrator and the chief of police. Such funds may be used to
26 reimburse the city's information technology department for services provided to the court or
27 police department.

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.