

Senate Bill 618

By: Senator Parent of the 44th

**AS PASSED**

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

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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**SECTION 1.**

7 (a) The clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Decatur shall be authorized to charge and  
8 collect a technology fee as a surcharge to each criminal and quasi-criminal fine levied or  
9 charged by said court. The rate of such technology fee shall be set by the governing  
10 authority of the City of Decatur, and may be amended by the same from time to time;  
11 provided, however, that such fee shall not exceed \$15.00 and that the judge of the municipal  
12 court shall be authorized to waive such fee on a case-by-case basis. Such fee shall be used  
13 exclusively to provide for the following technological needs of the court and the City of  
14 Decatur police department:

- 15 (1) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;  
16 (2) The purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of equipment and software used for  
17 imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projections, and printing; and

18 (3) Police department hardware and software, including, but not limited to, associated  
19 equipment for body-worn, mobile, stationary, or vehicle mounted cameras, drones and  
20 operations of 9-1-1 emergency response through its dedicated public safety answering point  
21 system.

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, separate from other  
24 funds of the city, and shall be expended only for authorized purposes upon direction of the  
25 city manager. The funds may be used to reimburse the city's information technology  
26 department for services provided to the court or police department.

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.