

House Bill 1047

By: Representative Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the State Court of Washington County, approved October 31,  
2 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 164), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 3, 1964 (Ga.  
3 L. 1964, p. 2247), so as to authorize the State Court of Washington County to charge a  
4 technology fee for each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses  
5 to which said technology fees may be put; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
6 automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to create the State Court of Washington County, approved October 31, 1901 (Ga. L.  
11 1901, p. 164), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 3, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p.  
12 2247), is amended by designating the existing text of Section 41-A as subsection (a) and  
13 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(b)(1) The clerk of the State Court of Washington County shall be entitled to charge and  
15 collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$15.00, as a surcharge to  
16 each fine paid. Technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for the  
17 technological needs of the office of the Sheriff of Washington County as follows:  
18 computer hardware and software purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation; imaging,  
19 scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment; and software  
20 purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation.

21 (2) The funds collected pursuant to this subsection shall be: maintained in a segregated  
22 fund by the clerk of court; disbursed at the discretion of the Sheriff of Washington  
23 County; and used only for the purposes authorized in this subsection at the direction of  
24 the Sheriff of Washington County."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 This Act shall stand automatically repealed on July 30, 2023.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018.

29 **SECTION 4.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.