

House Bill 1479 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Ware
2 County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination
3 of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 (a) The clerk of the Probate Court of Ware County is hereby authorized to charge and collect
8 a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to exceed \$5.00
9 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed \$5.00 as a surcharge on
10 each fine paid. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological
11 needs of the Probate Court of Ware County. Such uses shall include only the following:

- 12 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;
13 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware and software;
14 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of audio-visual, imaging, scanning,
15 facsimile, communications, projection, recording, and printing equipment and software;
16 and

17 (4) Purchase of technical support services, including, but not limited to, contracting with
18 private contractors to provide such services.

19 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
20 the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this
21 section.

22 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on
23 July 1, 2034, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)
24 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Ware County technology uses at the
25 discretion of the Ware County Board of Commissioners.

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.