

Senate Bill 430

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th and Seay of the 34th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964
2 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, so as to provide for the imposition and collection of a
3 fee to be used for fulfilling the technological needs of the county police department; to
4 provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964,
9 p. 2032), as amended, is amended by revising Section 26A as follows:

10 "SECTION 26A.

11 (a) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee at
12 the time of filing of each civil action in an amount not to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all
13 other legal fees and costs associated with the filing of each civil action.

14 (b) In every case in which the state court shall impose a fine, which shall be construed to
15 include fees or costs, for any offense against a criminal or traffic law of this state, there
16 shall be imposed as an additional penalty, designated as a technology fee, an amount not
17 to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all other legal fees and costs associated with the case.

18 (c) The amount of the technology fee to be charged and collected in each case, either civil
19 or criminal, shall be fixed by the chief judge of the state court.

20 (d) Technology fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be used
21 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the state court and its support offices
22 and personnel, including but not limited to the purchase, lease, installation, and
23 maintenance of computer, imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection,
24 information storage, and printing hardware and related equipment together with any and
25 all software associated therewith and all consultation and training relevant thereto.

26 (e) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee at
27 the time of filing of each civil action in an amount not to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all
28 other legal fees and costs associated with the filing of each civil action. The amount of the
29 technology fee to be charged and collected in each case shall be fixed by the chief judge
30 of the state court. The technology fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be used
31 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the Clayton County Police
32 Department."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 An Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964,
35 p. 2032), as amended, is amended by revising Section 26A as follows:

36 "SECTION 26A.

37 (a) The clerk of the state court shall be entitled to charge and collect a technology fee at
38 the time of filing of each civil action in an amount not to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all
39 other legal fees and costs associated with the filing of each civil action.

40 (b) In every case in which the state court shall impose a fine, which shall be construed to
41 include fees or costs, for any offense against a criminal or traffic law of this state, there
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43 to exceed \$5.00, in addition to all other legal fees and costs associated with the case.

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45 or criminal, shall be fixed by the chief judge of the state court.

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47 exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the state court and its support offices
48 and personnel, including but not limited to the purchase, lease, installation, and
49 maintenance of computer, imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection,
50 information storage, and printing hardware and related equipment together with any and
51 all software associated therewith and all consultation and training relevant thereto."

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
54 without such approval, except that Section 2 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2019,
55 on which date Section 1 of this Act shall stand repealed.

56 **SECTION 4.**

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