

House Bill 979 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15<sup>th</sup> and Scoggins of the 14<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of  
2 Bartow County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the  
3 termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to  
4 provide for 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 Bartow County is hereby authorized to charge and  
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in an amount not to  
9 exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action with the court and not to exceed \$5.00 as a  
10 surcharge on each fine paid. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for  
11 technological needs of the Probate Court of Bartow County. Such uses shall include only the  
12 following:

- 13 (1) Computer hardware and software purchases;  
14 (2) Lease, maintenance, and installation of computer hardware;

15 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of imaging, imaging, scanning,  
16 facsimile, communications, projection, recording, and printing equipment and software;  
17 and

18 (4) Purchase of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and  
19 archiving the same to digital contents for public access.

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

23 (c) The authority to assess the technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on  
24 July 1, 2029, and any residual funds remaining in the account established by subsection (b)  
25 of this section shall remain dedicated to general Bartow County technology uses.

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.