

House Bill 831 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Cook
2 County; to identify the authorized uses of said technology fee; to provide for the termination
3 of said 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 Cook 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 upon
10 each fine assessed by the court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide
11 for technological needs of the Probate Court of Cook County. Such uses shall include only
12 the following:

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

17 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be maintained in a segregated account by the
18 clerk of the probate court, subject to audit by an auditor approved by the governing authority
19 of Cook County, and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this Act.

20 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on
21 July 1, 2030, and any residual funds remaining in the segregated account established by this
22 Act shall then become dedicated to general Cook County technology uses.

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.