

Senate Bill 430

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

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**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 \$10.00, 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 may be imposed as an additional penalty, designated as a technology fee, an amount not  
17 to exceed \$10.00, 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 shall be  
19 fixed by the chief judge of the state court. The fees collected pursuant to this section shall  
20 be maintained in a segregated fund and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in  
21 this section.

22 (d) Fifty percent of the technology fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this  
23 section shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the state court  
24 and its support offices and personnel, including but not limited to the purchase, lease,  
25 installation, and maintenance of computer, imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications,

26 projection, information storage, and printing hardware and related equipment together with  
27 any and all software associated therewith and all consultation and training relevant thereto.  
28 The remaining 50 percent shall be disbursed to the Clayton County Finance Department  
29 to be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the Clayton County Police  
30 Department."

31 **SECTION 2.**

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

34 "SECTION 26A.

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

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

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

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

50 **SECTION 3.**

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

54 **SECTION 4.**

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