# House Bill 1311 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE) By: Representative Burchett of the 176<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 Lanier County; to identify the authorized uses of said technology fee; to provide for the 3 maintenance of said technology fee funds; to provide for the termination of said technology 4 fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to 5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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### **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) The clerk of the Probate Court of Lanier County is hereby authorized to charge and 9 collect a technology fee to be set by the judge of the probate court in the amount of \$5.00 for 10 the filing of each civil action with the court and \$5.00 as a surcharge upon each fine assessed 11 by the court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological 12 needs of the Probate Court of Lanier County. Such uses shall include only the following:

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

- 17 (b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated account by
- 18 the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this
- 19 section.
- 20 (c) The authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this section shall terminate on
- 21 July 1, 2031, and any residual funds remaining in the segregated account established by this
- 22 section shall then become dedicated to general Lanier County technology uses.
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### **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.