

Senate Bill 344

By: Senator Stone of the 23rd

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To authorize the Probate Court of Johnson County to charge a technology fee for each civil
2 case filed and criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may
3 be put; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 The clerk of the Probate Court of Johnson County shall be entitled to charge and collect a
7 technology fee for the filing of each civil action or as a surcharge to each criminal fine paid.
8 The technology fee shall be set by the court, provided that the fee shall not exceed \$5.00.
9 Such fee shall be used exclusively to provide for the following technological needs of the
10 court and the clerk of the probate court: the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of
11 computer hardware and software; and the purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of
12 equipment and software used for imaging, scanning, facsimiles, communications,
13 projections, and printing. All funds collected pursuant to this Act shall be maintained in a
14 segregated fund by the clerk of the probate court and shall be used only for authorized
15 purposes at the direction of the judge of the probate court.

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.