

Senate Bill 518

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of
2 Henry County; to identify the authorized uses of said technology fee; to provide for the
3 maintenance of said technology fee funds; to provide for related matters; to provide an
4 effective date; 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 Magistrate Court of Henry County is hereby authorized to charge and
8 collect a technology fee to be set by the chief judge of the magistrate court in an amount not
9 to exceed \$5.00 for the filing of each civil action, garnishment action, and dispossessory
10 affidavit with the court and a surcharge not to exceed \$5.00 upon each fine assessed by the
11 court. Such technology fees shall be used exclusively to provide for technological needs of
12 the Magistrate Court of Henry 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 software;
15 (3) Purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of audio-visual, imaging, scanning,
16 facsimile, communications, recording, projection, and printing equipment and software;
17 and
18 (4) Purchase of technical support services.

19 (b) The fees collected pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a segregated fund by
20 the clerk of the magistrate court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized in this
21 section at the direction of the chief magistrate judge of the magistrate court.

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which
24 such Act is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.