

1. 4 V.S.A. § 27 is amended to read:

**27. Court technology special fund.**

There is established the court technology special fund which shall be managed in accordance with subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32. Administrative fees collected pursuant to 13 V.S.A. 7252 and revenue collected pursuant to fees established pursuant to sections 1105 and 1109 of this title and 32 V.S.A. § 1431(i) shall be deposited and credited to this fund. The fund shall be available to the judicial branch to pay for contractual and operating expenses and project-related staffing not covered by the general fund related to the following:

(1) The acquisition and maintenance of software and hardware needed for case management, electronic filing, a electronic document management system, and the expense of implementation, including training.

(2) The acquisition and maintenance of electronic audio and video court recording and conferencing equipment.

(3) The acquisition, maintenance, and support of the judiciary's information technology network, including training.

2. 32 V.S.A. § 1431(i) is added to read:

- (i) Pursuant to rule adopted by the Supreme Court and subject to review under 12 V.S.A. § 1, the court administrator may collect a fee for participation in a judicial proceeding in which documents are electronically filed or for electronically filing a document or information in a judicial proceeding, or for obtaining public access over the internet or at a court to a judicial electronic case record. Fees collected under this subsection shall be placed in the court technology special fund established by 4 V.S.A. § 27.