

1 AN ACT concerning fees.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Sections 5.786 and 6z-87 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

7 Sec. 5.786. The Conservation Police Operations Assistance  
8 Fund.

9 (30 ILCS 105/6z-87 new)

10 Sec. 6z-87. Conservation Police Operations Assistance  
11 Fund.

12 (a) There is created in the State treasury a special fund  
13 known as the Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund.  
14 The Fund shall receive revenue pursuant to Section 27.3a of the  
15 Clerks of Courts Act. The Fund may also receive revenue from  
16 grants, donations, appropriations, and any other legal source.

17 (b) The Department of Natural Resources may use moneys in  
18 the Fund to support any lawful operations of the Illinois  
19 Conservation Police.

20 (c) Expenditures may be made from the Fund only as  
21 appropriated by the General Assembly by law.

22 (d) Investment income that is attributable to the

1 investment of moneys in the Fund shall be retained in the Fund  
2 for the uses specified in this Section.

3 (e) The Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund  
4 shall not be subject to administrative chargebacks.

5 Section 10. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by changing  
6 Section 27.3a as follows:

7 (705 ILCS 105/27.3a) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3a)

8 Sec. 27.3a. Fees for automated record keeping and State and  
9 Conservation Police operations.

10 1. The expense of establishing and maintaining automated  
11 record keeping systems in the offices of the clerks of the  
12 circuit court shall be borne by the county. To defray such  
13 expense in any county having established such an automated  
14 system or which elects to establish such a system, the county  
15 board may require the clerk of the circuit court in their  
16 county to charge and collect a court automation fee of not less  
17 than \$1 nor more than \$15 to be charged and collected by the  
18 clerk of the court. Such fee shall be paid at the time of  
19 filing the first pleading, paper or other appearance filed by  
20 each party in all civil cases or by the defendant in any  
21 felony, traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or  
22 conservation case upon a judgment of guilty or grant of  
23 supervision, provided that the record keeping system which  
24 processes the case category for which the fee is charged is

1 automated or has been approved for automation by the county  
2 board, and provided further that no additional fee shall be  
3 required if more than one party is presented in a single  
4 pleading, paper or other appearance. Such fee shall be  
5 collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs are  
6 collected.

7 1.5. Starting on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
8 of the 96th General Assembly, a clerk of the circuit court in  
9 any county that imposes a fee pursuant to subsection 1 of this  
10 Section, shall charge and collect an additional fee in an  
11 amount equal to the amount of the fee imposed pursuant to  
12 subsection 1 of this Section. This additional fee shall be paid  
13 by the defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, or local  
14 ordinance, ~~or conservation~~ case upon a judgment of guilty or  
15 grant of supervision. This fee shall not be paid by the  
16 defendant for any conservation violation listed in subsection  
17 1.6 of this Section.

18 1.6. Starting on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
19 of the 97th General Assembly, a clerk of the circuit court in  
20 any county that imposes a fee pursuant to subsection 1 of this  
21 Section shall charge and collect an additional fee in an amount  
22 equal to the amount of the fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1  
23 of this Section. This additional fee shall be paid by the  
24 defendant upon a judgment of guilty or grant of supervision for  
25 a conservation violation under the State Parks Act, the  
26 Recreational Trails of Illinois Act, the Illinois Explosives

1 Act, the Timber Buyers Licensing Act, the Forest Products  
2 Transportation Act, the Firearm Owners Identification Card  
3 Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the Fish and Aquatic  
4 Life Code, the Wildlife Code, the Cave Protection Act, the  
5 Illinois Exotic Weed Act, the Illinois Forestry Development  
6 Act, the Ginseng Harvesting Act, the Illinois Lake Management  
7 Program Act, the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, the  
8 Illinois Open Land Trust Act, the Open Space Lands Acquisition  
9 and Development Act, the Illinois Prescribed Burning Act, the  
10 State Forest Act, the Water Use Act of 1983, the Illinois Youth  
11 and Young Adult Employment Act of 1986, the Snowmobile  
12 Registration and Safety Act, the Boat Registration and Safety  
13 Act, the Illinois Dangerous Animals Act, the Hunter and  
14 Fishermen Interference Prohibition Act, the Wrongful Tree  
15 Cutting Act, or Section 11-1426.1, 11-1426.2, 11-1427,  
16 11-1427.1, 11-1427.2, 11-1427.3, 11-1427.4, or 11-1427.5 of  
17 the Illinois Vehicle Code.

18 2. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of  
19 this Section, each clerk shall commence such charges and  
20 collections upon receipt of written notice from the chairman of  
21 the county board together with a certified copy of the board's  
22 resolution, which the clerk shall file of record in his office.

23 3. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of  
24 this Section, such fees shall be in addition to all other fees  
25 and charges of such clerks, and assessable as costs, and may be  
26 waived only if the judge specifically provides for the waiver

1 of the court automation fee. The fees shall be remitted monthly  
2 by such clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained by him in  
3 a special fund designated as the court automation fund. The  
4 fund shall be audited by the county auditor, and the board  
5 shall make expenditure from the fund in payment of any cost  
6 related to the automation of court records, including hardware,  
7 software, research and development costs and personnel related  
8 thereto, provided that the expenditure is approved by the clerk  
9 of the court and by the chief judge of the circuit court or his  
10 designate.

11 4. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of  
12 this Section, such fees shall not be charged in any matter  
13 coming to any such clerk on change of venue, nor in any  
14 proceeding to review the decision of any administrative  
15 officer, agency or body.

16 5. With respect to the additional fee imposed under  
17 subsection 1.5 of this Section, the fee shall be remitted by  
18 the circuit clerk to the State Treasurer within one month after  
19 receipt for deposit into the State Police Operations Assistance  
20 Fund.

21 6. With respect to the additional fee imposed under  
22 subsection 1.6 of this Section, the fee shall be remitted by  
23 the circuit clerk to the State Treasurer within one month after  
24 receipt for deposit into the Conservation Police Operations  
25 Assistance Fund.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-1029, eff. 7-13-10.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
2    2012.