

HB0574



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

710 ILCS 20/3
710 ILCS 20/4

from Ch. 37, par. 853
from Ch. 37, par. 854

Amends the Illinois Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act. Changes the dispute resolution fund fee charged and collected by the clerks of the circuit court to \$2 (rather than \$1). Provides that in no event shall the disbursement to a dispute resolution center in one year exceed \$300,000 (rather than \$200,000).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution
5 Center Act is amended by changing Sections 3 and 4 as follows:

6 (710 ILCS 20/3) (from Ch. 37, par. 853)

7 Sec. 3. (a) In judicial circuits which include a county
8 with a population of over 2,000,000 inhabitants, a dispute
9 resolution fund shall be established.

10 (b) In any other judicial circuit a dispute resolution
11 fund shall be established upon a finding by the Chief Judge of
12 the circuit that:

13 (1) A dispute resolution center would significantly
14 enhance the administration of justice in that circuit; and

15 (2) A dispute resolution center exists or should be
16 created in the judicial circuit.

17 (c) In each judicial circuit in which a dispute resolution
18 fund is established, the clerks of the circuit court shall
19 charge and collect a dispute resolution fund fee of \$2 ~~\$1~~, such
20 fee to be paid by the party initiating the action at the time
21 of filing the first pleading in all civil cases. Such fees
22 shall not be charged in any proceeding commenced by or on
23 behalf of a unit of local government.

1 Such fees shall be in addition to all other fees and
2 charges of such clerks, shall be assessable as costs, and
3 shall be remitted by such clerks monthly to the county
4 treasurers, and shall be disbursed monthly by the county
5 treasurer to the dispute resolution fund established under
6 this Section. Each such clerk shall commence such charges and
7 collections upon receipt of written notice from the Chief
8 Judge of the judicial circuit that a dispute resolution fund
9 has been established.

10 (d) Each dispute resolution fund established under this
11 Section shall be administered by the Chief Judge of the
12 judicial circuit in which the fund is established.

13 (Source: P.A. 85-756.)

14 (710 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 37, par. 854)

15 Sec. 4. (a) Subject to the supervisory authority of the
16 Supreme Court, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit in
17 which a dispute resolution fund has been established shall
18 annually make grant disbursements from the fund to dispute
19 resolution centers within the judicial circuit which meet the
20 criteria in Section 4 of this Act.

21 (b) Disbursements by the Chief Judge shall be made to
22 qualified dispute resolution centers within a judicial circuit
23 based on each center's proportionate share of the total number
24 of cases resolved by all qualified centers in that circuit
25 during the year prior to application.

1 (c) In no event shall the disbursement to any dispute
2 resolution center in one year exceed \$300,000 ~~\$200,000~~. Any
3 amounts collected under Section 3 but not disbursed in a
4 particular year shall:

5 (1) in single-county judicial circuits, be paid to the
6 county treasurer for the administration of justice in the
7 judicial circuit; and

8 (2) in judicial circuits of more than one county, be paid
9 to the county treasurers of each county of the judicial
10 circuit for the administration of justice in the judicial
11 circuit, in amounts in proportion to the amounts of the
12 disbursements made by each of the county treasurers to the
13 fund during the year.

14 (d) A dispute resolution center may accept funds from
15 other public entities or private sources.

16 (Source: P.A. 85-756.)