1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

Section 5. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by changing
Section 27.1b as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/27.1b)

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(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

8 Sec. 27.1b. Circuit court clerk fees. Notwithstanding any 9 other provision of law, all fees charged by the clerks of the circuit court for the services described in this Section shall 10 be established, collected, and disbursed in accordance with 11 this Section. Except as otherwise specified in this Section, 12 all fees under this Section shall be paid in advance and 13 14 disbursed by each clerk on a monthly basis. In a county with a population of over 3,000,000, units of local government and 15 16 school districts shall not be required to pay fees under this Section in advance and the clerk shall instead send an 17 itemized bill to the unit of local government or school 18 19 district, within 30 days of the fee being incurred, and the 20 unit of local government or school district shall be allowed 21 at least 30 days from the date of the itemized bill to pay; 22 these payments shall be disbursed by each clerk on a monthly basis. Unless otherwise specified in this Section, the amount 23

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of a fee shall be determined by ordinance or resolution of the county board and remitted to the county treasurer to be used for purposes related to the operation of the court system in the county. In a county with <u>a</u> population of over 3,000,000, any amount retained by the clerk of the circuit court or remitted to the county treasurer shall be subject to appropriation by the county board.

8 (a) Civil cases. The fee for filing a complaint, petition, 9 or other pleading initiating a civil action shall be as set 10 forth in the applicable schedule under this subsection in 11 accordance with case categories established by the Supreme 12 Court in schedules.

13 (1) SCHEDULE 1: not to exceed a total of \$366 in a 14 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and not to 15 exceed \$316 in any other county, except as applied to 16 units of local government and school districts in counties 17 with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$190 through December 31, 2021 and \$184 on and 18 after January 1, 2022. The fees collected under this 19 20 schedule shall be disbursed as follows:

(A) The clerk shall retain a sum, in an amount not
to exceed \$55 in a county with a population of
3,000,000 or more and in an amount not to exceed \$45 in
any other county determined by the clerk with the
approval of the Supreme Court, to be used for court
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2 (B) The clerk shall remit up to \$21 to the State 3 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall deposit the 4 appropriate amounts, in accordance with the clerk's 5 instructions, as follows:

(i) up to \$10, as specified by the Supreme Court in accordance with Part 10A of Article II of the Code of Civil Procedure, into the Mandatory Arbitration Fund;

(ii) \$2 into the Access to Justice Fund; and

11(iii) \$9 into the Supreme Court Special12Purposes Fund.

(C) The clerk shall remit a sum to the County
Treasurer, in an amount not to exceed \$290 in a county
with a population of 3,000,000 or more and in an amount
not to exceed \$250 in any other county, as specified by
ordinance or resolution passed by the county board,
for purposes related to the operation of the court
system in the county.

20 (2) SCHEDULE 2: not to exceed a total of \$357 in a 21 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and not to 22 exceed \$266 in any other county, except as applied to 23 units of local government and school districts in counties 24 with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to 25 exceed \$190 through December 31, 2021 and \$184 on and 26 after January 1, 2022. The fees collected under this SB0140 Engrossed - 4 - LRB102 04229 LNS 14246 b

schedule shall be disbursed as follows:

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2 (A) The clerk shall retain a sum, in an amount not 3 to exceed \$55 in a county with a population of 4 3,000,000 or more and in an amount not to exceed \$45 in 5 any other county determined by the clerk with the 6 approval of the Supreme Court, to be used for court 7 automation, court document storage, and administrative 8 purposes.

9 (B) The clerk shall remit up to \$21 to the State 10 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall deposit the 11 appropriate amounts, in accordance with the clerk's 12 instructions, as follows:

13 (i) up to \$10, as specified by the Supreme
14 Court in accordance with Part 10A of Article II of
15 the Code of Civil Procedure, into the Mandatory
16 Arbitration Fund;

(ii) \$2 into the Access to Justice Fund: and

18 (iii) \$9 into the Supreme Court Special19 Purposes Fund.

20 (C) The clerk shall remit a sum to the County 21 Treasurer, in an amount not to exceed \$281 in a county 22 with a population of 3,000,000 or more and in an amount 23 not to exceed \$200 in any other county, as specified by 24 ordinance or resolution passed by the county board, 25 for purposes related to the operation of the court 26 system in the county. SB0140 Engrossed - 5 - LRB102 04229 LNS 14246 b

(3) SCHEDULE 3: not to exceed a total of \$265 in a 1 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and not to 2 3 exceed \$89 in any other county, except as applied to units of local government and school districts in counties with 4 5 more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$190 through December 31, 2021 and \$184 on and after 6 7 January 1, 2022. The fees collected under this schedule shall be disbursed as follows: 8

9 (A) The clerk shall retain a sum, in an amount not 10 to exceed \$55 in a county with a population of 11 3,000,000 or more and in an amount not to exceed \$22 in 12 any other county determined by the clerk with the 13 approval of the Supreme Court, to be used for court 14 automation, court document storage, and administrative 15 purposes.

16 (B) The clerk shall remit \$11 to the State
17 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall deposit the
18 appropriate amounts in accordance with the clerk's
19 instructions, as follows:

(i) \$2 into the Access to Justice Fund; and

21 (ii) \$9 into the Supreme Court Special22 Purposes Fund.

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(C) The clerk shall remit a sum to the County
Treasurer, in an amount not to exceed \$199 in a county
with a population of 3,000,000 or more and in an amount
not to exceed \$56 in any other county, as specified by

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ordinance or resolution passed by the county board,
 for purposes related to the operation of the court
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(4) SCHEDULE 4: \$0.

5 (b) Appearance. The fee for filing an appearance in a 6 civil action, including a cannabis civil law action under the 7 Cannabis Control Act, shall be as set forth in the applicable 8 schedule under this subsection in accordance with case 9 categories established by the Supreme Court in schedules.

10 (1) SCHEDULE 1: not to exceed a total of \$230 in a 11 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and not to 12 exceed \$191 in any other county, except as applied to 13 units of local government and school districts in counties 14 with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to 15 exceed \$75. The fees collected under this schedule shall 16 be disbursed as follows:

(A) The clerk shall retain a sum, in an amount not
to exceed \$50 in a county with a population of
3,000,000 or more and in an amount not to exceed \$45 in
any other county determined by the clerk with the
approval of the Supreme Court, to be used for court
automation, court document storage, and administrative
purposes.

(B) The clerk shall remit up to \$21 to the State
 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall deposit the
 appropriate amounts, in accordance with the clerk's

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instructions, as follows:

(i) up to \$10, as specified by the Supreme Court in accordance with Part 10A of Article II of the Code of Civil Procedure, into the Mandatory Arbitration Fund;

(ii) \$2 into the Access to Justice Fund; and

7 (iii) \$9 into the Supreme Court Special
8 Purposes Fund.

9 (C) The clerk shall remit a sum to the County 10 Treasurer, in an amount not to exceed \$159 in a county 11 with a population of 3,000,000 or more and in an amount 12 not to exceed \$125 in any other county, as specified by 13 ordinance or resolution passed by the county board, 14 for purposes related to the operation of the court 15 system in the county.

16 (2) SCHEDULE 2: not to exceed a total of \$130 in a 17 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and not to 18 exceed \$109 in any other county, except as applied to 19 units of local government and school districts in counties 20 with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to 21 exceed \$75. The fees collected under this schedule shall 22 be disbursed as follows:

(A) The clerk shall retain a sum, in an amount not
to exceed \$50 in a county with a population of
3,000,000 or more and in an amount not to exceed \$10 in
any other county determined by the clerk with the

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1 approval of the Supreme Court, to be used for court 2 automation, court document storage, and administrative 3 purposes.

4 (B) The clerk shall remit \$9 to the State
5 Treasurer, which the State Treasurer shall deposit
6 into the Supreme Court Special Purpose Fund.

7 (C) The clerk shall remit a sum to the County 8 Treasurer, in an amount not to exceed \$71 in a county 9 with a population of 3,000,000 or more and in an amount 10 not to exceed \$90 in any other county, as specified by 11 ordinance or resolution passed by the county board, 12 for purposes related to the operation of the court 13 system in the county.

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(3) SCHEDULE 3: \$0.

15 (b-5) Kane County and Will County. In Kane County and Will 16 County civil cases, there is an additional fee of up to \$30 as 17 set by the county board under Section 5-1101.3 of the Counties Code to be paid by each party at the time of filing the first 18 19 pleading, paper, or other appearance; provided that no 20 additional fee shall be required if more than one party is 21 represented in a single pleading, paper, or other appearance. 22 Distribution of fees collected under this subsection (b-5) 23 shall be as provided in Section 5-1101.3 of the Counties Code.

(c) Counterclaim or third party complaint. When any
 defendant files a counterclaim or third party complaint, as
 part of the defendant's answer or otherwise, the defendant

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shall pay a filing fee for each counterclaim or third party complaint in an amount equal to the filing fee the defendant would have had to pay had the defendant brought a separate action for the relief sought in the counterclaim or third party complaint, less the amount of the appearance fee, if any, that the defendant has already paid in the action in which the counterclaim or third party complaint is filed.

8 (d) Alias summons. The clerk shall collect a fee not to 9 exceed \$6 in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more 10 and not to exceed \$5 in any other county for each alias summons 11 or citation issued by the clerk, except as applied to units of 12 local government and school districts in counties with more 13 than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$5 for each 14 alias summons or citation issued by the clerk.

15 (e) Jury services. The clerk shall collect, in addition to 16 other fees allowed by law, a sum not to exceed \$212.50, as a 17 fee for the services of a jury in every civil action not quasi-criminal in its nature and not a proceeding for the 18 exercise of the right of eminent domain and in every other 19 20 action wherein the right of trial by jury is or may be given by law. The jury fee shall be paid by the party demanding a jury 21 22 at the time of filing the jury demand. If the fee is not paid 23 by either party, no jury shall be called in the action or proceeding, and the action or proceeding shall be tried by the 24 25 court without a jury.

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(f) Change of venue. In connection with a change of venue:

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1 (1) The clerk of the jurisdiction from which the case 2 is transferred may charge a fee, not to exceed \$40, for the 3 preparation and certification of the record; and

4 (2) The clerk of the jurisdiction to which the case is
5 transferred may charge the same filing fee as if it were
6 the commencement of a new suit.

(g) Petition to vacate or modify.

(1) In a proceeding involving a petition to vacate or 8 9 modify any final judgment or order filed within 30 days 10 after the judgment or order was entered, except for an 11 eviction case, small claims case, petition to reopen an 12 estate, petition to modify, terminate, or enforce a 13 judgment or order for child or spousal support, or 14 petition to modify, suspend, or terminate an order for 15 withholding, the fee shall not exceed \$60 in a county with 16 a population of 3,000,000 or more and shall not exceed \$50 17 in any other county, except as applied to units of local government and school districts in counties with more than 18 19 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$50.

(2) In a proceeding involving a petition to vacate or
modify any final judgment or order filed more than 30 days
after the judgment or order was entered, except for a
petition to modify, terminate, or enforce a judgment or
order for child or spousal support, or petition to modify,
suspend, or terminate an order for withholding, the fee
shall not exceed \$75.

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1 (3) In a proceeding involving a motion to vacate or 2 amend a final order, motion to vacate an ex parte 3 judgment, judgment of forfeiture, or "failure to appear" 4 or "failure to comply" notices sent to the Secretary of 5 State, the fee shall equal \$40.

6 (h) Appeals preparation. The fee for preparation of a 7 record on appeal shall be based on the number of pages, as 8 follows:

9 (1) if the record contains no more than 100 pages, the 10 fee shall not exceed \$70 in a county with a population of 11 3,000,000 or more and shall not exceed \$50 in any other 12 county;

13 (2) if the record contains between 100 and 200 pages,
14 the fee shall not exceed \$100; and

(3) if the record contains 200 or more pages, the
clerk may collect an additional fee not to exceed 25 cents
per page.

(i) Remands. In any cases remanded to the circuit court 18 19 from the Supreme Court or the appellate court for a new trial, 20 the clerk shall reinstate the case with either its original 21 number or a new number. The clerk shall not charge any new or 22 additional fee for the reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, the 23 clerk shall advise the parties of the reinstatement. Parties 24 shall have the same right to a jury trial on remand and 25 reinstatement that they had before the appeal, and no 26 additional or new fee or charge shall be made for a jury trial

1 after remand.

(j) Garnishment, wage deduction, and citation. In
garnishment affidavit, wage deduction affidavit, and citation
petition proceedings:

5 (1) if the amount in controversy in the proceeding is 6 not more than \$1,000, the fee may not exceed \$35 in a 7 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and may not 8 exceed \$15 in any other county, except as applied to units 9 of local government and school districts in counties with 10 more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed 11 \$15;

(2) if the amount in controversy in the proceeding is greater than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, the fee may not exceed \$45 in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and may not exceed \$30 in any other county, except as applied to units of local government and school districts in counties with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$30; and

(3) if the amount in controversy in the proceeding is greater than \$5,000, the fee may not exceed \$65 in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and may not exceed \$50 in any other county, except as applied to units of local government and school districts in counties with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$50.

26 (j-5) Debt collection. In any proceeding to collect a debt

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subject to the exception in item (ii) of subparagraph (A-5) of paragraph (1) of subsection (z) of this Section, the circuit court shall order and the clerk shall collect from each judgment debtor a fee of:

5 (1) \$35 if the amount in controversy in the proceeding 6 is not more than \$1,000;

(2) \$45 if the amount in controversy in the proceedingis greater than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000; and

9 (3) \$65 if the amount in controversy in the proceeding
10 is greater than \$5,000.

11 (k) Collections.

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12 (1) For all collections made of others, except the
13 State and county and except in maintenance or child
14 support cases, the clerk may collect a fee of up to 2.5% of
15 the amount collected and turned over.

16 (2) In child support and maintenance cases, the clerk 17 may collect an annual fee of up to \$36 from the person making payment for maintaining child support records and 18 19 the processing of support orders to the State of Illinois 20 KIDS system and the recording of payments issued by the State Disbursement Unit for the official record of the 21 22 Court. This fee is in addition to and separate from 23 amounts ordered to be paid as maintenance or child support 24 and shall be deposited into a Separate Maintenance and 25 Child Support Collection Fund, of which the clerk shall be 26 the custodian, ex officio, to be used by the clerk to

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1 maintain child support orders and record all payments 2 issued by the State Disbursement Unit for the official 3 record of the Court. The clerk may recover from the person 4 making the maintenance or child support payment any 5 additional cost incurred in the collection of this annual 6 fee.

7 (3) The clerk may collect a fee of \$5 for
8 certifications made to the Secretary of State as provided
9 in Section 7-703 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and this
10 fee shall be deposited into the Separate Maintenance and
11 Child Support Collection Fund.

12 (4) In proceedings to foreclose the lien of delinquent real estate taxes, State's Attorneys shall receive a fee 13 of 10% of the total amount realized from the sale of real 14 15 estate sold in the proceedings. The clerk shall collect 16 the fee from the total amount realized from the sale of the 17 real estate sold in the proceedings and remit to the County Treasurer to be credited to the earnings of the 18 19 Office of the State's Attorney.

(1) Mailing. The fee for the clerk mailing documents shallnot exceed \$10 plus the cost of postage.

(m) Certified copies. The fee for each certified copy of ajudgment, after the first copy, shall not exceed \$10.

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(n) Certification, authentication, and reproduction.

(1) The fee for each certification or authentication
for taking the acknowledgment of a deed or other

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1 instrument in writing with the seal of office shall not 2 exceed \$6.

3 (2) The fee for reproduction of any document contained
4 in the clerk's files shall not exceed:

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(A) \$2 for the first page;

(B) 50 cents per page for the next 19 pages; and

(C) 25 cents per page for all additional pages.

8 (o) Record search. For each record search, within a 9 division or municipal district, the clerk may collect a search 10 fee not to exceed \$6 for each year searched.

(p) Hard copy. For each page of hard copy print output, when case records are maintained on an automated medium, the clerk may collect a fee not to exceed \$10 in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and not to exceed \$6 in any other county, except as applied to units of local government and school districts in counties with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants an amount not to exceed \$6.

Index inquiry and other records. No fee shall be 18 (a) 19 charged for a single plaintiff and defendant index inquiry or 20 single case record inquiry when this request is made in person and the records are maintained in a current automated medium, 21 22 and when no hard copy print output is requested. The fees to be 23 charged for management records, multiple case records, and multiple journal records may be specified by the Chief Judge 24 25 pursuant to the quidelines for access and dissemination of 26 information approved by the Supreme Court.

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(r) Performing a marriage. There shall be a \$10 fee for
 performing a marriage in court.

3 Voluntary assignment. For filing each deed of (s) voluntary assignment, the clerk shall collect a fee not to 4 5 exceed \$20. For recording a deed of voluntary assignment, the clerk shall collect a fee not to exceed 50 cents for each 100 6 words. Exceptions filed to claims presented to an assignee of 7 8 a debtor who has made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of 9 creditors shall be considered and treated, for the purpose of 10 taxing costs therein, as actions in which the party or parties 11 filing the exceptions shall be considered as party or parties 12 plaintiff, and the claimant or claimants as party or parties 13 defendant, and those parties respectively shall pay to the 14 clerk the same fees as provided by this Section to be paid in 15 other actions.

16 (t) Expungement petition. The clerk may collect a fee not 17 to exceed \$60 for each expungement petition filed and an 18 additional fee not to exceed \$4 for each certified copy of an 19 order to expunge arrest records.

(u) Transcripts of judgment. For the filing of a
transcript of judgment, the clerk may collect the same fee as
if it were the commencement of a new suit.

23 (v) Probate filings.

(1) For each account (other than one final account)
filed in the estate of a decedent, or ward, the fee shall
not exceed \$25.

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(2) For filing a claim in an estate when the amount 1 claimed is greater than \$150 and not more than \$500, the 2 3 fee shall not exceed \$40 in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and shall not exceed \$25 in any other 4 5 county; when the amount claimed is greater than \$500 and not more than \$10,000, the fee shall not exceed \$55 in a 6 7 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and shall not exceed \$40 in any other county; and when the amount 8 9 claimed is more than \$10,000, the fee shall not exceed \$75 10 in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more and 11 shall not exceed \$60 in any other county; except the court 12 in allowing a claim may add to the amount allowed the filing fee paid by the claimant. 13

14 (3) For filing in an estate a claim, petition, or 15 supplemental proceeding based upon an action seeking 16 equitable relief including the construction or contest of 17 a will, enforcement of a contract to make a will, and 18 proceedings involving testamentary trusts or the 19 appointment of testamentary trustees, the fee shall not 20 exceed \$60.

(4) There shall be no fee for filing in an estate: (i)
the appearance of any person for the purpose of consent;
or (ii) the appearance of an executor, administrator,
administrator to collect, guardian, guardian ad litem, or
special administrator.

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(5) For each jury demand, the fee shall not exceed

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2 (6) For each certified copy of letters of office, of court order, or other certification, the fee shall not 3 exceed \$2 per page. 4

5 (7) For each exemplification, the fee shall not exceed 6 \$2, plus the fee for certification.

7 (8) The executor, administrator, guardian, petitioner, or other interested person or his or her attorney shall 8 9 pay the cost of publication by the clerk directly to the 10 newspaper.

11 (9) The person on whose behalf a charge is incurred 12 for witness, court reporter, appraiser, or other miscellaneous fees shall pay the same directly to the 13 14 person entitled thereto.

15 (10)The executor, administrator, guardian, 16 petitioner, or other interested person or his or her attorney shall pay to the clerk all postage charges 17 incurred by the clerk in mailing petitions, orders, 18 19 notices, or other documents pursuant to the provisions of the Probate Act of 1975. 20

(w) Corrections of numbers. For correction of the case 21 22 number, case title, or attorney computer identification 23 number, if required by rule of court, on any document filed in 24 the clerk's office, to be charged against the party that filed 25 the document, the fee shall not exceed \$25.

26 (x) Miscellaneous. SB0140 Engrossed - 19 - LRB102 04229 LNS 14246 b

1 (1) Interest earned on any fees collected by the clerk 2 shall be turned over to the county general fund as an 3 earning of the office.

4 (2) For any check, draft, or other bank instrument 5 returned to the clerk for non-sufficient funds, account 6 closed, or payment stopped, the clerk shall collect a fee 7 of \$25.

8 (y) Other fees. Any fees not covered in this Section shall 9 be set by rule or administrative order of the circuit court 10 with the approval of the Administrative Office of the Illinois 11 Courts. The clerk of the circuit court may provide services in 12 connection with the operation of the clerk's office, other 13 than those services mentioned in this Section, as may be 14 requested by the public and agreed to by the clerk and approved 15 by the Chief Judge. Any charges for additional services shall 16 be as agreed to between the clerk and the party making the 17 request and approved by the Chief Judge. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require any clerk to provide 18 19 any service not otherwise required by law.

20 (y-5) Unpaid fees. Unless a court ordered payment schedule 21 is implemented or the fee requirements of this Section are 22 waived under a court order, the clerk of the circuit court may 23 add to any unpaid fees and costs under this Section a 24 delinquency amount equal to 5% of the unpaid fees that remain 25 unpaid after 30 days, 10% of the unpaid fees that remain unpaid 26 after 60 days, and 15% of the unpaid fees that remain unpaid SB0140 Engrossed - 20 - LRB102 04229 LNS 14246 b

1 after 90 days. Notice to those parties may be made by signage 2 posting or publication. The additional delinquency amounts 3 collected under this Section shall be deposited into the 4 Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administration Fund and 5 used to defray additional administrative costs incurred by the 6 clerk of the circuit court in collecting unpaid fees and 7 costs.

8 (z) Exceptions.

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(1) No fee authorized by this Section shall apply to:

10 (A) police departments or other law enforcement 11 agencies. In this Section, "law enforcement agency" 12 means: an agency of the State or agency of a unit of 13 local government which is vested by law or ordinance 14 with the duty to maintain public order and to enforce 15 criminal laws or ordinances; the Attorney General; or 16 any State's Attorney;

17 (A-5) any unit of local government or school district, except in counties having a population of 18 500,000 or more the county board may by resolution set 19 20 fees for units of local government or school districts 21 no greater than the minimum fees applicable in 22 counties with a population less than 3,000,000; 23 provided however, no fee may be charged to any unit of 24 local government or school district in connection with 25 any action which, in whole or in part, is: (i) to enforce an ordinance; (ii) to collect a debt; or (iii) 26

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under the Administrative Review Law;

2 (B) any action instituted by the corporate authority of a municipality with more than 1,000,000 3 inhabitants under Section 11-31-1 of the Illinois 4 Municipal Code and any action instituted under 5 subsection (b) of Section 11-31-1 of the Illinois 6 7 Municipal Code by a private owner or tenant of real property within 1,200 feet of a dangerous or unsafe 8 9 building seeking an order compelling the owner or 10 owners of the building to take any of the actions 11 authorized under that subsection;

12 (C) any commitment petition or petition for an 13 order authorizing the administration of psychotropic 14 medication or electroconvulsive therapy under the 15 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code;

16 (D) a petitioner in any order of protection 17 proceeding, including, but not limited to, fees for 18 filing, modifying, withdrawing, certifying, or 19 photocopying petitions for orders of protection, 20 issuing alias summons, any related filing service, or 21 certifying, modifying, vacating, or photocopying any 22 orders of protection; or

(E) proceedings for the appointment of a
 confidential intermediary under the Adoption Act; or
 (F) the State Treasurer, for purposes related to
 the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

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1 (2) No fee other than the filing fee contained in the 2 applicable schedule in subsection (a) shall be charged to 3 any person in connection with an adoption proceeding.

4 (3) Upon good cause shown, the court may waive any 5 fees associated with a special needs adoption. The term 6 "special needs adoption" has the meaning provided by the 7 Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

8 (aa) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2022.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-987, eff. 7-1-19; 100-994, eff. 7-1-19; 10 100-1161, eff. 7-1-19; 101-645, eff. 6-26-20; revised 11 8-18-20.)

Section 10. The Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act is amended by changing Section 15-504 as follows:

14 (765 ILCS 1026/15-504)

Sec. 15-504. Cooperation among State officers and agencies to locate apparent owner.

17 (a) Unless prohibited by law of this State other than this 18 Act, on request of the administrator, each officer, agency, board, commission, division, and department of this State, any 19 20 body politic and corporate created by this State for a public 21 purpose, and each political subdivision of this State shall make its books and records available to the administrator and 22 23 cooperate with the administrator to determine the current 24 address of an apparent owner of property held by the

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administrator under this Act or to otherwise assist the administrator in the administration of this Act. The administrator may also enter into data sharing agreements to enable such other governmental agencies to provide an additional notice to apparent owners of property held by the administrator.

7 (b) In addition to the general authority in subsection 8 (a), the administrator has the specific authority to access 9 and reproduce, at no cost to the administrator, vital records 10 under the Vital Records Act and court records under the Clerks 11 of Courts Act.

12 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18.)