

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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

4 Section 5. The Local Records Act is amended by changing
5 Section 3a as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 205/3a) (from Ch. 116, par. 43.103a)

7 Sec. 3a. Reports and records of the obligation, receipt,
8 and use of public funds of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of
9 Cook County, units of local government, and school districts,
10 including certified audits, management letters and other audit
11 reports made by the Auditor General, County Auditors, other
12 officers or by licensed Certified Public Accountants permitted
13 to perform audits under the Illinois Public Accounting Act and
14 presented to the corporate authorities or boards of the units
15 of local government, are public records available for
16 inspection by the public. These records shall be kept at the
17 official place of business of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of
18 Cook County and each unit of local government and school
19 district or at a designated place of business of the unit or
20 district. These records shall be available for public
21 inspection during regular office hours except when in
22 immediate use by persons exercising official duties which
23 require the use of those records. The person in charge of such

1 records may require a notice in writing to be submitted 24
2 hours prior to inspection and may require that such notice
3 specify which records are to be inspected. Nothing in this
4 Section shall require units of local government and school
5 districts to invade or assist in the invasion of any person's
6 right to privacy.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-465, eff. 8-4-05.)

8 Section 10. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by
9 changing Section 27.3b as follows:

10 (705 ILCS 105/27.3b) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3b)

11 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 101-652)

12 Sec. 27.3b. The clerk of court may accept payment of
13 fines, penalties, or costs by certified check, credit card, or
14 debit card approved by the clerk from an offender who has been
15 convicted of or placed on court supervision for a traffic
16 offense, petty offense, ordinance offense, or misdemeanor or
17 who has been convicted of a felony offense. The clerk of the
18 circuit court shall ~~may~~ accept credit card payments over the
19 Internet for fines, penalties, court costs, or costs from
20 offenders on voluntary electronic pleas of guilty in minor
21 traffic and conservation offenses to satisfy the requirement
22 of written pleas of guilty as provided in Illinois Supreme
23 Court Rule 529. The clerk of the court may also accept payment
24 of statutory fees by a credit card or debit card. The clerk of

1 the court may also accept the credit card or debit card for the
2 cash deposit of bail bond fees.

3 The clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter into
4 contracts with credit card or debit card companies approved by
5 the clerk and to negotiate the payment of convenience and
6 administrative fees normally charged by those companies for
7 allowing the clerk of the circuit court to accept their credit
8 cards or debit cards in payment as authorized herein. The
9 clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter into
10 contracts with third party fund guarantors, facilitators, and
11 service providers under which those entities may contract
12 directly with customers of the clerk of the circuit court and
13 guarantee and remit the payments to the clerk of the circuit
14 court. Where the offender pays fines, penalties, or costs by
15 credit card or debit card or through a third party fund
16 guarantor, facilitator, or service provider, or anyone paying
17 statutory fees of the circuit court clerk or the posting of
18 cash bail, the clerk shall collect a service fee of up to \$5 or
19 the amount charged to the clerk for use of its services by the
20 credit card or debit card issuer, third party fund guarantor,
21 facilitator, or service provider. This service fee shall be in
22 addition to any other fines, penalties, or costs. The clerk of
23 the circuit court is authorized to negotiate the assessment of
24 convenience and administrative fees by the third party fund
25 guarantors, facilitators, and service providers with the
26 revenue earned by the clerk of the circuit court to be remitted

1 to the county general revenue fund.

2 As used in this Section, "certified check" has the meaning
3 provided in Section 3-409 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

5 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 101-652)

6 Sec. 27.3b. The clerk of court may accept payment of
7 fines, penalties, or costs by certified check, credit card, or
8 debit card approved by the clerk from an offender who has been
9 convicted of or placed on court supervision for a traffic
10 offense, petty offense, ordinance offense, or misdemeanor or
11 who has been convicted of a felony offense. The clerk of the
12 circuit court shall ~~may~~ accept credit card payments over the
13 Internet for fines, penalties, court costs, or costs from
14 offenders on voluntary electronic pleas of guilty in minor
15 traffic and conservation offenses to satisfy the requirement
16 of written pleas of guilty as provided in Illinois Supreme
17 Court Rule 529. The clerk of the court may also accept payment
18 of statutory fees by a credit card or debit card.

19 The clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter into
20 contracts with credit card or debit card companies approved by
21 the clerk and to negotiate the payment of convenience and
22 administrative fees normally charged by those companies for
23 allowing the clerk of the circuit court to accept their credit
24 cards or debit cards in payment as authorized herein. The
25 clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter into

1 contracts with third party fund guarantors, facilitators, and
2 service providers under which those entities may contract
3 directly with customers of the clerk of the circuit court and
4 guarantee and remit the payments to the clerk of the circuit
5 court. Where the offender pays fines, penalties, or costs by
6 credit card or debit card or through a third party fund
7 guarantor, facilitator, or service provider, or anyone paying
8 statutory fees of the circuit court clerk, the clerk shall
9 collect a service fee of up to \$5 or the amount charged to the
10 clerk for use of its services by the credit card or debit card
11 issuer, third party fund guarantor, facilitator, or service
12 provider. This service fee shall be in addition to any other
13 fines, penalties, or costs. The clerk of the circuit court is
14 authorized to negotiate the assessment of convenience and
15 administrative fees by the third party fund guarantors,
16 facilitators, and service providers with the revenue earned by
17 the clerk of the circuit court to be remitted to the county
18 general revenue fund.

19 As used in this Section, "certified check" has the meaning
20 provided in Section 3-409 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

21 (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 1-1-23.)

22 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
23 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
24 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
25 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does

1 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
2 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
3 Public Act.