



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB1373

Introduced 2/6/2023, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 105/27.3

from Ch. 25, par. 27.3

Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Removes language providing for the compensation of Clerks of the Circuit Court. Provides instead that the salary of a clerk of the circuit court elected or appointed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall be set as a percentage of the salary of Judges of the Circuit Court and shall be in the following amounts: in counties where the population is less than 14,000, 55%; in counties where the population is 14,001 to 30,000, 60%; in counties where the population is 30,001 to 60,000, 65%; in counties where the population is 60,001 to 100,000, 70%; in counties where the population is 100,001 to 200,000, 75%; in counties where the population is 200,001 to 300,000, 80%; in counties where the population is 300,001 to 3,000,000, 85%; and in counties where the population is over 3,000,000, 90%. Requires the State to furnish 66 2/3% of the total annual salary to be paid to a clerk of the circuit court, and the county to furnish 33 1/3% of the total annual salary. Provides that if, on the effective date of the amendatory Act, the salary of a clerk is greater than the percentage of the circuit judges salary in the provisions, that circuit clerk's salary shall not be reduced.

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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 Clerks of Courts Act is amended by changing
5 Section 27.3 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/27.3) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3)
7 Sec. 27.3. Compensation.

8 (a) The salary of a clerk of the circuit court elected or
9 appointed after the effective date of this amendatory act of
10 the 103rd General Assembly shall be set as a percentage of the
11 salary of Judges of the Circuit Court as defined in Section 3.2
12 of the Salaries Act. ~~The~~ ~~The county board shall provide the~~
13 ~~compensation of Clerks of the Circuit Court, and the amount~~
14 ~~necessary for clerk hire, stationery, fuel and other expenses.~~
15 ~~Beginning December 1, 1989,~~ the compensation per annum for
16 Clerks of the Circuit Court shall be as follows:

17 In counties where the population is:

18 Less than 14,000	<u>55%</u> at least \$13,500
19 14,001-30,000.....	<u>60%</u> at least \$14,500
20 30,001-60,000.....	<u>65%</u> at least \$15,000
21 60,001-100,000	<u>70%</u> at least \$15,000
22 100,001-200,000.....	<u>75%</u> at least \$16,500
23 200,001-300,000.....	<u>80%</u> at least \$18,000

1 300,001- 3,000,000 85% ~~at least \$20,000~~

2 Over 3,000,000 90% ~~at least \$55,000~~

3 As used in this Section, "salary" is exclusive of any
4 other compensation or benefit.

5 (a-1) The State shall furnish 66 2/3% of the total annual
6 salary to be paid to a clerk of the circuit court. The county
7 shall furnish 33 1/3% of the total annual salary. If, on the
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General
9 Assembly, the salary of a clerk is greater than the salary set
10 forth in this Section, that circuit clerk's salary shall not
11 be reduced.

12 (b) (Blank). ~~In counties in which the population is~~
13 ~~3,000,000 or less, "base salary" is the compensation paid for~~
14 ~~each Clerk of the Circuit Court, respectively, before July 1,~~
15 ~~1989.~~

16 (c) (Blank). ~~The Clerks of the Circuit Court, in counties~~
17 ~~in which the population is 3,000,000 or less, shall be~~
18 ~~compensated as follows:~~

19 ~~(1) Beginning December 1, 1989, base salary plus at~~
20 ~~least 3% of base salary.~~

21 ~~(2) Beginning December 1, 1990, base salary plus at~~
22 ~~least 6% of base salary.~~

23 ~~(3) Beginning December 1, 1991, base salary plus at~~
24 ~~least 9% of base salary.~~

25 ~~(4) Beginning December 1, 1992, base salary plus at~~
26 ~~least 12% of base salary.~~

1 (d) In addition to the compensation provided by the county
2 board, each Clerk of the Circuit Court shall receive an award
3 from the State for the additional duties imposed by Sections
4 5-9-1 and 5-9-1.2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section
5 10 of the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act, and other
6 laws, in the following amount:

7 (1) \$3,500 per year before January 1, 1997.

8 (2) \$4,500 per year beginning January 1, 1997.

9 (3) \$5,500 per year beginning January 1, 1998.

10 (4) \$6,500 per year beginning January 1, 1999.

11 The total amount required for such awards shall be
12 appropriated each year by the General Assembly to the Supreme
13 Court, which shall distribute such awards in annual lump sum
14 payments to the Clerks of the Circuit Court in all counties.
15 This annual award, and any other award or stipend paid out of
16 State funds to the Clerks of the Circuit Court, shall not
17 affect any other compensation provided by law to be paid to
18 Clerks of the Circuit Court.

19 (e) (Blank).

20 (f) No county board may reduce or otherwise impair the
21 compensation payable from county funds to a Clerk of the
22 Circuit Court if the reduction or impairment is the result of
23 the Clerk of the Circuit Court receiving an award or stipend
24 payable from State funds.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-987, eff. 7-1-19.)