

1 AN ACT in relation to 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  
5 changing Section 27.3b as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/27.3b) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3b)

7 Sec. 27.3b. The clerk of court may accept payment of  
8 fines, penalties, or costs by credit card or debit card  
9 approved by the clerk from an offender who has been convicted  
10 of or placed on court supervision for a traffic offense,  
11 petty offense, ordinance offense, or misdemeanor or who has  
12 been convicted of a felony offense. The clerk of the circuit  
13 court may accept credit card payments over the Internet for  
14 fines, penalties, or costs from offenders on voluntary  
15 electronic pleas of guilty in minor traffic and conservation  
16 offenses to satisfy the requirement of written pleas of  
17 guilty as provided in Illinois Supreme Court Rule 529. The  
18 clerk of the court may also accept payment of statutory fees  
19 by a credit card or debit card. The clerk of the court may  
20 also accept the credit card or debit card for the cash  
21 deposit of bail bond fees up to \$300.

22 The Clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter  
23 into contracts with credit card or debit card companies  
24 approved by the clerk and to pay those companies fees  
25 normally charged by those companies for allowing the clerk of  
26 the circuit court to accept their credit cards or debit cards  
27 in payment as authorized herein. Where the offender pays  
28 fines, penalties, or costs by credit card or debit card, or  
29 anyone paying statutory fees of the circuit court clerk or  
30 the posting of cash bail, the clerk shall collect a service  
31 fee of up to \$5 or the amount charged to the clerk for use of

1 its services by the credit card or debit card issuer. This  
2 service fee shall be in addition to any other fines,  
3 penalties, or costs.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-733, eff. 1-1-01.)