

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 SB2562

Introduced 1/13/2010, by Sen. Dan Cronin

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-4000

from Ch. 34, par. 3-4000

Amends the Counties Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the need for an effective county public defender system.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

- Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
- 3-4000 as follows:
- 6 (55 ILCS 5/3-4000) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-4000)
- 7 Sec. 3-4000. Legislative declaration. <u>The</u> General
- 8 Assembly recognizes that quality legal representation in
- 9 criminal and related proceedings is a fundamental right of the
- 10 people of the State of Illinois and that there should be no
- 11 distinction in the availability of quality legal
- 12 representation based upon a person's inability to pay.
- 13 Therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide
- 14 for effective county public defender systems throughout the
- 15 State and encourage the active and substantial participation of
- 16 the private bar in the representation of indigent defendants.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 87-111.)