

# 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB3215

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 105/27.2 from Ch. 25, par. 27.2 705 ILCS 105/27.3a from Ch. 25, par. 27.3c

Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Provides that certain fees and costs shall be assessed upon the court's judgment of guilty or grant of supervision on each offense (rather than "case" or "complaint"). Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are declarative of existing law.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

## 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 Sections 27.2, 27.3a, and 27.3c as follows:
- 6 (705 ILCS 105/27.2) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.2)
- 7 Sec. 27.2. The fees of the clerks of the circuit court in all counties having a population in excess of 8 9 inhabitants but less than 3,000,000 inhabitants instances described in this Section shall be as provided in 10 this Section. In those instances where a minimum and maximum 11 fee is stated, counties with more than 500,000 inhabitants but 12 less than 3,000,000 inhabitants must charge the minimum fee 13 14 listed in this Section and may charge up to the maximum fee if the county board has by resolution increased the fee. In 15 16 addition, the minimum fees authorized in this Section shall 17 apply to all units of local government and school districts in counties with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants. The fees shall 18 19 be paid in advance and shall be as follows:
- 20 (a) Civil Cases.
- 21 The fee for filing a complaint, petition, or other 22 pleading initiating a civil action, with the following 23 exceptions, shall be a minimum of \$150 and a maximum of

- 2 (A) When the amount of money or damages or the value of personal property claimed does not exceed \$250, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$15.
  - (B) When that amount exceeds \$250 but does not exceed \$1,000, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
  - (C) When that amount exceeds \$1,000 but does not exceed \$2500, a minimum of \$30 and a maximum of \$50.
  - (D) When that amount exceeds \$2500 but does not exceed \$5,000, a minimum of \$75 and a maximum of \$100.
  - (D-5) When the amount exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$15,000, a minimum of \$75 and a maximum of \$150.
  - (E) For the exercise of eminent domain, \$150. For each additional lot or tract of land or right or interest therein subject to be condemned, the damages in respect to which shall require separate assessment by a jury, \$150.
  - (F) No fees shall be charged by the clerk to a petitioner in any order of protection including, but not limited to, filing, modifying, withdrawing, certifying, or photocopying petitions for orders of protection, or for issuing alias summons, or for any related filing service, certifying, modifying, vacating, or photocopying any orders of protection.
  - (b) Forcible Entry and Detainer.
    - In each forcible entry and detainer case when the

plaintiff seeks possession only or unites with his or her claim for possession of the property a claim for rent or damages or both in the amount of \$15,000 or less, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$75. When the plaintiff unites his or her claim for possession with a claim for rent or damages or both exceeding \$15,000, a minimum of \$150 and a maximum of \$225.

(c) Counterclaim or Joining Third Party Defendant.

When any defendant files a counterclaim as part of his or her answer or otherwise or joins another party as a third party defendant, or both, the defendant shall pay a fee for each counterclaim or third party action in an amount equal to the fee he or she would have had to pay had he or she brought a separate action for the relief sought in the counterclaim or against the third party defendant, less the amount of the appearance fee, if that has been paid.

(d) Confession of Judgment.

In a confession of judgment when the amount does not exceed \$1500, a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$60. When the amount exceeds \$1500, but does not exceed \$5,000, \$75. When the amount exceeds \$5,000, but does not exceed \$15,000, \$175. When the amount exceeds \$15,000, a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$250.

(e) Appearance.

The fee for filing an appearance in each civil case

1	shall	be	а	minimum	of	\$50	and	a	maximum	of	\$75,	except	as
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- (A) When the plaintiff in a forcible entry and detainer case seeks possession only, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (B) When the amount in the case does not exceed \$1500, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (C) When the amount in the case exceeds \$1500 but does not exceed \$15,000, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$60.
- 11 (f) Garnishment, Wage Deduction, and Citation.

In garnishment affidavit, wage deduction affidavit, and citation petition when the amount does not exceed \$1,000, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$15; when the amount exceeds \$1,000 but does not exceed \$5,000, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$30; and when the amount exceeds \$5,000, a minimum of \$30 and a maximum of \$50.

- (g) Petition to Vacate or Modify.
  - (1) Petition to vacate or modify any final judgment or order of court, except in forcible entry and detainer cases and small claims cases or a petition to reopen an estate, to modify, terminate, or enforce a judgment or order for child or spousal support, or to modify, suspend, or terminate an order for withholding, if filed before 30 days after the entry of the judgment or order, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$50.

- (2) Petition to vacate or modify any final judgment or order of court, except a petition to modify, terminate, or enforce a judgment or order for child or spousal support or to modify, suspend, or terminate an order for withholding, if filed later than 30 days after the entry of the judgment or order, a minimum of \$60 and a maximum of \$75.
- 7 (3) Petition to vacate order of bond forfeiture, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- 9 (h) Mailing.
- When the clerk is required to mail, the fee will be a minimum of \$6 and a maximum of \$10, plus the cost of postage.
- 13 (i) Certified Copies.
- Each certified copy of a judgment after the first,

  except in small claims and forcible entry and detainer

  cases, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$15.
- 17 (j) Habeas Corpus.
- For filing a petition for relief by habeas corpus, a minimum of \$80 and a maximum of \$125.
- 20 (k) Certification, Authentication, and Reproduction.
- 21 (1) Each certification or authentication for taking 22 the acknowledgment of a deed or other instrument in writing 23 with the seal of office, a minimum of \$4 and a maximum of 24 \$6.
- 25 (2) Court appeals when original documents are 26 forwarded, under 100 pages, plus delivery and costs, a

- 1 minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$75.
- 2 (3) Court appeals when original documents are 3 forwarded, over 100 pages, plus delivery and costs, a 4 minimum of \$120 and a maximum of \$150.
  - (4) Court appeals when original documents are forwarded, over 200 pages, an additional fee of a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 25 cents per page.
  - (5) For reproduction of any document contained in the clerk's files:
  - (A) First page, \$2.
  - (B) Next 19 pages, 50 cents per page.
- 12 (C) All remaining pages, 25 cents per page.
- 13 (1) Remands.

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In any cases remanded to the Circuit Court from the Supreme Court or the Appellate Court for a new trial, the clerk shall file the remanding order and reinstate the case with either its original number or a new number. The Clerk shall not charge any new or additional fee for the reinstatement. Upon reinstatement the Clerk shall advise the parties of the reinstatement. A party shall have the same right to a jury trial on remand and reinstatement as he or she had before the appeal, and no additional or new fee or charge shall be made for a jury trial after remand.

(m) Record Search.

For each record search, within a division or municipal district, the clerk shall be entitled to a search fee of a

- 1 minimum of \$4 and a maximum of \$6 for each year searched.
- 2 (n) Hard Copy.
- For each page of hard copy print output, when case records are maintained on an automated medium, the clerk shall be entitled to a fee of a minimum of \$4 and a maximum of \$6.
- 7 (o) Index Inquiry and Other Records.
- 8 No fee shall be for charged а single 9 plaintiff/defendant index inquiry or single case record 10 inquiry when this request is made in person and the records 11 are maintained in a current automated medium, and when no 12 hard copy print output is requested. The fees to be charged 13 management records, multiple case records, for 14 multiple journal records may be specified by the Chief 15 Judge pursuant to the quidelines for access 16 dissemination of information approved by the Supreme 17 Court.
- 18 (p) (Blank).
- 19 (q) Alias Summons.
- For each alias summons or citation issued by the clerk,
  a minimum of \$4 and a maximum of \$5.
- 22 (r) Other Fees.
- 23 Any fees not covered in this Section shall be set by
  24 rule or administrative order of the Circuit Court with the
  25 approval of the Administrative Office of the Illinois
  26 Courts.

The clerk of the circuit court may provide additional services for which there is no fee specified by statute in connection with the operation of the clerk's office as may be requested by the public and agreed to by the clerk and approved by the chief judge of the circuit court. Any charges for additional services shall be as agreed to between the clerk and the party making the request and approved by the chief judge of the circuit court. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require any clerk to provide any service not otherwise required by law.

#### (s) Jury Services.

The clerk shall be entitled to receive, in addition to other fees allowed by law, the sum of a minimum of \$192.50 and a maximum of \$212.50, as a fee for the services of a jury in every civil action not quasi-criminal in its nature and not a proceeding for the exercise of the right of eminent domain and in every other 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 at the time of filing the jury demand. If the fee is not paid by either party, no jury shall be called in the action or proceeding, and the same shall be tried by the court without a jury.

#### (t) Voluntary Assignment.

For filing each deed of voluntary assignment, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20; for recording the same, a minimum of 25¢ and a maximum of 50¢ for each 100 words.

Exceptions filed to claims presented to an assignee of a debtor who has made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors shall be considered and treated, for the purpose of taxing costs therein, as actions in which the party or parties filing the exceptions shall be considered as party or parties plaintiff, and the claimant or claimants as party or parties defendant, and those parties respectively shall pay to the clerk the same fees as provided by this Section to be paid in other actions.

(u) Expungement Petition.

The clerk shall be entitled to receive a fee of a minimum of \$30 and a maximum of \$60 for each expungement petition filed and an additional fee of a minimum of \$2 and a maximum of \$4 for each certified copy of an order to expunge arrest records.

(v) Probate.

The clerk is entitled to receive the fees specified in this subsection (v), which shall be paid in advance, except that, for good cause shown, the court may suspend, reduce, or release the costs payable under this subsection:

- (1) For administration of the estate of a decedent (whether testate or intestate) or of a missing person, a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$150, plus the fees specified in subsection (v)(3), except:
  - (A) When the value of the real and personal property does not exceed \$15,000, the fee shall be a

minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.

- (B) When (i) proof of heirship alone is made, (ii) a domestic or foreign will is admitted to probate without administration (including proof of heirship), or (iii) letters of office are issued for a particular purpose without administration of the estate, the fee shall be a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.
- (2) For administration of the estate of a ward, a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$75, plus the fees specified in subsection (v)(3), except:
  - (A) When the value of the real and personal property does not exceed \$15,000, the fee shall be a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.
  - (B) When (i) letters of office are issued to a guardian of the person or persons, but not of the estate or (ii) letters of office are issued in the estate of a ward without administration of the estate, including filing or joining in the filing of a tax return or releasing a mortgage or consenting to the marriage of the ward, the fee shall be a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20.
- (3) In addition to the fees payable under subsection (v)(1) or (v)(2) of this Section, the following fees are payable:
  - (A) For each account (other than one final account) filed in the estate of a decedent, or ward, a minimum

of \$15 and a maximum of \$25.

- (B) For filing a claim in an estate when the amount claimed is \$150 or more but less than \$500, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20; when the amount claimed is \$500 or more but less than \$10,000, a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40; when the amount claimed is \$10,000 or more, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$60; provided that the court in allowing a claim may add to the amount allowed the filing fee paid by the claimant.
- (C) For filing in an estate a claim, petition, or supplemental proceeding based upon an action seeking equitable relief including the construction or contest of a will, enforcement of a contract to make a will, and proceedings involving testamentary trusts or the appointment of testamentary trustees, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$60.
- (D) 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, no fee.
- (E) Except as provided in subsection (v)(3)(D), for filing the appearance of any person or persons, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$30.
- (F) For each jury demand, a minimum of \$102.50 and a maximum of \$137.50.

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- (G) For disposition of the collection of a judgment or settlement of an action or claim for wrongful death of a decedent or of any cause of action of a ward, when there is no other administration of the estate, a minimum of \$30 and a maximum of \$50, less any amount paid under subsection (v)(1)(B) or (v)(2)(B) except that if the amount involved does not exceed \$5,000, the fee, including any amount paid under subsection (v)(1)(B) or (v)(2)(B), shall be a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20.
- (H) For each certified copy of letters of office, of court order or other certification, a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$2, plus a minimum of 50¢ and a maximum of \$1 per page in excess of 3 pages for the document certified.
- (I) For each exemplification, a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$2, plus the fee for certification.
- (4) The executor, administrator, guardian, petitioner, or other interested person or his or her attorney shall pay the cost of publication by the clerk directly to the newspaper.
- (5) The person on whose behalf a charge is incurred for witness, court reporter, appraiser, or other miscellaneous fee shall pay the same directly to the person entitled thereto.
  - (6) The executor, administrator, quardian, petitioner,

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1		or other interested person or his attorney shall pay to the
2		clerk all postage charges incurred by the clerk in mailing
3		petitions, orders, notices, or other documents pursuant to
4		the provisions of the Probate Act of 1975.
5	(w)	Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Costs and Fees.
6		(1) The clerk shall be entitled to costs from the
7		defendant upon the court's judgment of guilty or grant of
8		supervision on each in all criminal and quasi-criminal
9		offense cases from each person convicted or sentenced to
10		supervision therein as follows:
11		(A) Felony <u>offenses</u> <del>complaints</del> , a minimum of \$80
12		and a maximum of \$125.
13		(B) Misdemeanor <u>offenses</u> <del>complaints</del> , a minimum of
14		\$50 and a maximum of \$75.
15		(C) Business <u>offenses</u> <del>offense complaints</del> , a
16		minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$75.
17		(D) Petty <u>offenses</u> <del>offense complaints</del> , a minimum
18		of \$50 and a maximum of \$75.
19		(E) Minor traffic or ordinance violations, \$20.
20		(F) When court appearance required, \$30.
21		(G) Motions to vacate or amend final orders, a
22		minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.

- (H) Motions to vacate bond forfeiture orders, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$30.
- (I) Motions to vacate ex parte judgments, whenever filed, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$30.

_	(J)	Motions	to	vacate	judgment	on	forfeitures,
	whenever	filed, a	mir	nimum of	\$20 and a	max	imum of \$25.

- (K) Motions to vacate "failure to appear" or "failure to comply" notices sent to the Secretary of State, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (2) In counties having a population of more than 500,000 but fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, when the violation complaint is issued by a municipal police department, the clerk shall be entitled to costs from each person convicted therein as follows:
  - (A) Minor traffic or ordinance violations, \$10.
  - (B) When court appearance required, \$15.
- (3) In ordinance violation cases punishable by fine only, the clerk of the circuit court shall be entitled to receive, unless the fee is excused upon a finding by the court that the defendant is indigent, in addition to other fees or costs allowed or imposed by law, the sum of a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$112.50 as a fee for the services of a jury. The jury fee shall be paid by the defendant at the time of filing his or her jury demand. If the fee is not so paid by the defendant, no jury shall be called, and the case shall be tried by the court without a jury. The changes to this subsection by this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly are declarative of existing law.
- (x) Transcripts of Judgment.

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- (y) Change of Venue.
  - (1) For the filing of a change of case on a change of venue, the clerk shall be entitled to the same fee as if it were the commencement of a new suit.
    - (2) The fee for the preparation and certification of a record on a change of venue to another jurisdiction, when original documents are forwarded, a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.
- 12 (z) Tax objection complaints.

For each tax objection complaint containing one or more tax objections, regardless of the number of parcels involved or the number of taxpayers joining in the complaint, a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$50.

- (aa) Tax Deeds.
  - (1) Petition for tax deed, if only one parcel is involved, a minimum of \$150 and a maximum of \$250.
- 20 (2) For each additional parcel, add a fee of a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$100.
- 22 (bb) Collections.
- 23 (1) For all collections made of others, except the 24 State and county and except in maintenance or child support 25 cases, a sum equal to a minimum of 2.5% and a maximum of 26 3.0% of the amount collected and turned over.

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- (2) Interest earned on any funds held by the clerk shall be turned over to the county general fund as an earning of the office.
- (3) For any check, draft, or other bank instrument returned to the clerk for non-sufficient funds, account closed, or payment stopped, \$25.
- (4) In child support and maintenance cases, the clerk, if authorized by an ordinance of the county board, may collect an annual fee of up to \$36 from the person making payment for maintaining child support records and the processing of support orders to the State of Illinois KIDS system and the recording of payments issued by the State Disbursement Unit for the official record of the Court. This fee shall be in addition to and separate from amounts ordered to be paid as maintenance or child support and shall be deposited into a Separate Maintenance and Child Support Collection Fund, of which the clerk shall be the custodian, ex-officio, to be used by the clerk to maintain child support orders and record all payments issued by the State Disbursement Unit for the official record of the Court. The clerk may recover from the person making the maintenance or child support payment any additional cost incurred in the collection of this annual fee.

The clerk shall also be entitled to a fee of \$5 for certifications made to the Secretary of State as provided in Section 7-703 of the Family Financial Responsibility Law

and these fees shall also be deposited into the Separate

Maintenance and Child Support Collection Fund.

(cc) Corrections of Numbers.

For correction of the case number, case title, or attorney computer identification number, if required by rule of court, on any document filed in the clerk's office, to be charged against the party that filed the document, a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$25.

#### (dd) Exceptions.

The fee requirements of this Section shall not apply to police departments or other law enforcement agencies. In this Section, "law enforcement agency" means an agency of the State or a unit of local government which is vested by law or ordinance with the duty to maintain public order and to enforce criminal laws or ordinances. "Law enforcement agency" also means the Attorney General or any state's attorney. The fee requirements of this Section shall not apply to any action instituted under subsection (b) of Section 11-31-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code by a private owner or tenant of real property within 1200 feet of a dangerous or unsafe building seeking an order compelling the owner or owners of the building to take any of the actions authorized under that subsection.

The fee requirements of this Section shall not apply to the filing of any commitment petition or petition for an order authorizing the administration of psychotropic

medication or electroconvulsive therapy under the Mental

Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

(ee) Adoptions.

- (2) Upon good cause shown, the court may waive the adoption filing fee in a special needs adoption. The term "special needs adoption" shall have the meaning ascribed to it by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.
- 10 (ff) Adoption exemptions.

No fee other than that set forth in subsection (ee) shall be charged to any person in connection with an adoption proceeding nor may any fee be charged for proceedings for the appointment of a confidential intermediary under the Adoption Act.

(gg) Unpaid fees.

Unless a court ordered payment schedule is implemented or the fee requirements of this Section are waived pursuant to court order, the clerk of the court may add to any unpaid fees and costs under this Section a delinquency amount equal to 5% of the unpaid fees that remain unpaid after 30 days, 10% of the unpaid fees that remain unpaid after 60 days, and 15% of the unpaid fees that remain unpaid after 90 days. Notice to those parties may be made by signage posting or publication. The additional delinquency amounts collected under this Section shall be

- 1 used to defray additional administrative costs incurred by
- 2 the clerk of the circuit court in collecting unpaid fees
- 3 and costs.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 95-172, eff. 8-14-07.)
- 5 (705 ILCS 105/27.3a)
- 6 Sec. 27.3a. Fees for automated record keeping, probation
- 7 and court services operations, and State and Conservation
- 8 Police operations.
- 9 1. The expense of establishing and maintaining automated 10 record keeping systems in the offices of the clerks of the 11 circuit court shall be borne by the county. To defray such
- 12 expense in any county having established such an automated
- 13 system or which elects to establish such a system, the county
- 14 board may require the clerk of the circuit court in their
- 15 county to charge and collect a court automation fee of not less
- than \$1 nor more than \$15 to be charged and collected by the
- 17 clerk of the court. Such fee shall be paid at the time of
- 18 filing the first pleading, paper or other appearance filed by
- 19 each party in all civil cases or by the defendant <u>upon each</u>
- 20 <u>finding of guilty or disposition of court supervision for</u> in
- 21 any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or
- 22 conservation offense case upon a judgment of guilty or grant of
- 23 supervision, provided that the record keeping system which
- 24 processes the case category for which the fee is charged is
- 25 automated or has been approved for automation by the county

board, and provided further that no additional fee shall be 1 2 required if more than one party is presented in a single 3 pleading, paper or other appearance. Such fee shall be 4

collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs are

collected. The changes to this subsection by this amendatory

Act of the 98th General Assembly are declarative of existing

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1.1. Starting on July 6, 2012 (the effective date of Public Act 97-761) this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly and pursuant to an administrative order from the chief judge of the circuit or the presiding judge of the county authorizing such collection, a clerk of the circuit court in any county that imposes a fee pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section shall also charge and collect an additional \$10 operations fee for probation and court services department operations.

This additional fee shall be paid by the defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, local ordinance, or conservation case upon a judgment of quilty or grant of supervision, except such \$10 operations fee shall not be charged and collected in cases governed by Supreme Court Rule 529 in which the bail amount is \$120 or less.

1.2. With respect to the fee imposed and collected under subsection 1.1 of this Section, each clerk shall transfer all fees monthly to the county treasurer for deposit into the probation and court services fund created under Section 15.1 of the Probation and Probation Officers Act, and such monies shall

approved by the Supreme Court.

- be disbursed from the fund only at the direction of the chief judge of the circuit or another judge designated by the Chief Circuit Judge in accordance with the policies and guidelines
  - 1.5. Starting on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, a clerk of the circuit court in any county that imposes a fee pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section, shall charge and collect an additional fee in an amount equal to the amount of the fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section. This additional fee shall be paid by the defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, or local ordinance case upon a judgment of guilty or grant of supervision. This fee shall not be paid by the defendant for any conservation violation listed in subsection 1.6 of this Section.
  - 1.6. Starting on July 1, 2012 (the effective date of Public Act 97-46), a clerk of the circuit court in any county that imposes a fee pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section shall charge and collect an additional fee in an amount equal to the amount of the fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section. This additional fee shall be paid by the defendant upon a judgment of guilty or grant of supervision for a conservation violation under the State Parks Act, the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act, the Illinois Explosives Act, the Timber Buyers Licensing Act, the Forest Products Transportation Act, the Firearm Owners Identification Card

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Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the Fish and Aquatic 1 2 Life Code, the Wildlife Code, the Cave Protection Act, the 3 Illinois Exotic Weed Act, the Illinois Forestry Development Act, the Ginseng Harvesting Act, the Illinois Lake Management 4 5 Program Act, the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, the 6 Illinois Open Land Trust Act, the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act, the Illinois Prescribed Burning Act, the 7 State Forest Act, the Water Use Act of 1983, the Illinois 8 9 Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult Conservation Jobs Act, the 10 Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act, the Boat Registration 11 and Safety Act, the Illinois Dangerous Animals Act, the Hunter 12 and Fishermen Interference Prohibition Act, the Wrongful Tree Cutting Act, or Section 11-1426.1, 11-1426.2, 13 11-1427.1, 11-1427.2, 11-1427.3, 11-1427.4, or 11-1427.5 of 14 the Illinois Vehicle Code, or Section 48-3 or 48-10 of the 15 16 Criminal Code of 1961.

- 2. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of this Section, each clerk shall commence such charges and collections upon receipt of written notice from the chairman of the county board together with a certified copy of the board's resolution, which the clerk shall file of record in his office.
- 3. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of this Section, such fees shall be in addition to all other fees and charges of such clerks, and assessable as costs, and may be waived only if the judge specifically provides for the waiver of the court automation fee. The fees shall be remitted monthly

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- by such clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained by him in 1 2 a special fund designated as the court automation fund. The fund shall be audited by the county auditor, and the board 3 shall make expenditure from the fund in payment of any cost 4 5 related to the automation of court records, including hardware, 6 software, research and development costs and personnel related 7 thereto, provided that the expenditure is approved by the clerk 8 of the court and by the chief judge of the circuit court or his 9 designate.
- 4. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of this Section, such fees shall not be charged in any matter coming to any such clerk on change of venue, nor in any proceeding to review the decision of any administrative officer, agency or body.
  - 5. With respect to the additional fee imposed under subsection 1.5 of this Section, the fee shall be remitted by the circuit clerk to the State Treasurer within one month after receipt for deposit into the State Police Operations Assistance Fund.
- 20 6. With respect to the additional fees imposed under subsection 1.5 of this Section, the Director of State Police may direct the use of these fees for homeland security purposes by transferring these fees on a quarterly basis from the State Police Operations Assistance Fund into the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems (ILEAS) Fund for homeland security initiatives programs. The transferred fees shall be allocated,

- 1 subject to the approval of the ILEAS Executive Board, as
- 2 follows: (i) 66.6% shall be used for homeland security
- 3 initiatives and (ii) 33.3% shall be used for airborne
- 4 operations. The ILEAS Executive Board shall annually supply the
- 5 Director of State Police with a report of the use of these
- 6 fees.
- 7. With respect to the additional fee imposed under
- 8 subsection 1.6 of this Section, the fee shall be remitted by
- 9 the circuit clerk to the State Treasurer within one month after
- 10 receipt for deposit into the Conservation Police Operations
- 11 Assistance Fund.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-1029, eff. 7-13-10; 97-46, eff. 7-1-12;
- 13 97-453, eff. 8-19-11; 97-738, eff. 7-5-12; 97-761, eff. 7-6-12;
- 14 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13; revised 9-20-12.)
- 15 (705 ILCS 105/27.3c) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3c)
- Sec. 27.3c. Document storage system.
- 17 (a) The expense of establishing and maintaining a document
- 18 storage system in the offices of the circuit court clerks in
- 19 the several counties of this State shall be borne by the
- 20 county. To defray the expense in any county that elects to
- 21 establish a document storage system and convert the records of
- 22 the circuit court clerk to electronic or micrographic storage,
- 23 the county board may require the clerk of the circuit court in
- 24 its county to collect a court document fee of not less than \$1
- 25 nor more than \$15, to be charged and collected by the clerk of

the court. The fee shall be paid at the time of filing the first pleading, paper, or other appearance filed by each party in all civil cases or by the defendant upon each finding of quilty or disposition of court supervision for in any felony, misdemeanor, traffic, ordinance, or conservation offense matter on a judgment of guilty or grant of supervision, provided that the document storage system is in place or has been authorized by the county board and further that no additional fee shall be required if more than one party is presented in a single pleading, paper, or other appearance. The fee shall be collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs are collected. The changes to this subsection by this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly are declarative of existing law.

- (b) Each clerk shall commence charges and collections of a court document fee upon receipt of written notice from the chairman of the county board together with a certified copy of the board's resolution, which the clerk shall file of record in his or her office.
- (c) Court document fees shall be in addition to other fees and charges of the clerk, shall be assessable as costs, and may be waived only if the judge specifically provides for the waiver of the court document storage fee. The fees shall be remitted monthly by the clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained by the treasurer in a special fund designated as the Court Document Storage Fund. The fund shall be audited by the

- 1 county auditor, and the board shall make expenditures from the
- 2 fund in payment of any costs relative to the storage of court
- 3 records, including hardware, software, research and
- 4 development costs, and related personnel, provided that the
- 5 expenditure is approved by the clerk of the circuit court.
- 6 (d) A court document fee shall not be charged in any matter
- 7 coming to the clerk on change of venue or in any proceeding to
- 8 review the decision of any administrative officer, agency, or
- 9 body.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 94-596, eff. 1-1-06.)