

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Convictions of persons sentenced to death in
3 this State have been overturned due to inadequate
4 investigations of the facts surrounding the capital crimes;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A major cause of this inadequate investigation
7 is the lack of financial resources for experienced
8 investigators on behalf of the defendant; and

9 WHEREAS, Additional funding for investigators in capital
10 cases would have substantial impact on the issues that are
11 the basis for appeals and would uncover additional evidence
12 that would have a substantial impact on capital verdicts;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we request the Senate
16 Appropriations Committee to investigate and recommend
17 additional funding for the Office of the State Appellate
18 Defender and the appellate division of the Cook County Public
19 Defender's Office to assist those offices in employing
20 experienced investigators in appeals of capital cases; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
23 chairman and minority spokesman of the Senate Appropriations
24 Committee.