

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 adding  
5 Section 12.1 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/12.1 new)

7 Sec. 12.1. Electronic notice. The circuit clerk may provide  
8 notice to a party by hard copy or by electronic notice,  
9 pursuant to a uniform and standard policy adopted by the  
10 circuit clerk. A recipient may elect to receive notices by hard  
11 copy or electronically via the electronic address he or she has  
12 registered with the circuit clerk. The clerk must provide  
13 notice in the format chosen by the recipient. When providing  
14 notice electronically, the circuit clerk shall maintain a copy  
15 of the electronic content and a delivery receipt as part of the  
16 records of his or her office. Administrative communications of  
17 either the clerk or the court are not subject to the electronic  
18 notice requirements. If all policies and statutes are complied  
19 with, electronic notices shall have the same effect as hard  
20 copy notices.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.