AN ACT in relation to local government.

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

Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Section 21-245 as follows:

(35 ILCS 200/21-245)

Sec. 21-245. Automation fee. The county collector in all counties may assess to the purchaser of property for delinquent taxes an automation fee of not more than \$10 per parcel. In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants:

- (a) The fee shall be paid at the time of the purchase if the record keeping system used for processing the delinquent property tax sales is automated or has been approved for automation by the county board. The fee shall be collected in the same manner as other fees or costs.
- (b) Fees collected under this Section shall be retained by the county treasurer in a fund designated as the Tax Sale Automation Fund. The fund shall be audited by the county auditor. The county board, with the approval of the county treasurer, shall make expenditures from the fund (1) to pay any costs related to the automation of property tax collections and delinquent property tax sales, including the cost of hardware, software, research and development, and personnel and (2) to defray the cost of providing electronic access to property tax collection records and delinquent tax sale records.

(Source: P.A. 88-455; incorporates 88-401; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)

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