



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5919

Introduced 2/16/2012, by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 105/27.3f new

Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Provides that the circuit clerk in each county shall charge a sheriff's office technology and training fee of \$5 in each civil action in order to defray the expense of the sheriff's office acquiring and maintaining technological equipment and providing training for sheriff's office personnel. Provides that this fee shall be paid at the time of the filing of the first document filed by each party in all civil cases, provided that no additional fee is required if more than one party is presented in a single document. Provides that the fees collected shall be remitted monthly by the clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained by the treasurer in a special fund designated as the Sheriff's Office Technology and Training Fund. Provides that the fund shall be audited by the county auditor, and the sheriff shall make expenditures from the fund in payment of any costs relative to the acquisition of technology hardware; software; research and development costs; training of sheriff's office personnel; and any personnel related to technology or training. Makes other changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 27.3f as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/27.3f new)

7 Sec. 27.3f. Sheriff's office technology and training fee.

8 (a) The expense of acquiring and maintaining technological
9 equipment for the use of the sheriff, deputy sheriffs, and
10 other personnel and the expense of providing training for the
11 sheriff, deputy sheriffs, and other personnel in the sheriffs'
12 offices in the several counties of this State is significant.
13 To defray the expense that the sheriff's office in each county
14 experiences in acquiring and maintaining technological
15 equipment and providing training for the sheriff's personnel,
16 the clerk of the circuit court in each county shall collect a
17 sheriff's office technology and training fee of \$5. The fee
18 shall be paid at the time of filing the first pleading, paper,
19 or other appearance filed by each party in all civil cases,
20 provided that no additional fee shall be required if more than
21 one party is presented in a single pleading, paper, or other
22 appearance. The fee shall be collected in the manner in which
23 all other fees or costs are collected.

1 (b) Each clerk shall commence charges and collections of
2 the sheriff's office technology and training fee upon the
3 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
4 Assembly.

5 (c) The sheriff's office technology and training fee shall
6 be in addition to other fees and charges of the clerk, shall be
7 assessable as costs, and may be waived only if the judge
8 specifically provides for the waiver of the sheriff's office
9 technology and training fee. The fees shall be remitted monthly
10 by the clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained by the
11 treasurer in a special fund designated as the Sheriff's Office
12 Technology and Training Fund. The fund shall be audited by the
13 county auditor, and the sheriff shall make expenditures from
14 the fund in payment of any costs relative to the acquisition of
15 technology hardware such as radios, computers, video-recording
16 equipment, audio-visual equipment, or other technological
17 equipment; software costs; research and development costs; the
18 costs of the training of sheriff's office personnel for any
19 function; and any personnel related to this technology or
20 training.

21 (d) A sheriff's office technology and training fee shall
22 not be charged in any matter coming to the clerk on change of
23 venue or in any proceeding to review the decision of any
24 administrative officer, agency, or body.