

1 AN ACT concerning land claims.

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

4 Section 5. The Attorney General Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4e as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 205/4e)

7 Sec. 4e. Recovery of lands; payment of legal fees. The
8 Attorney General may authorize, from funds available for that
9 purpose, the payment or reimbursement of reasonable and
10 appropriate legal fees incurred by any person, unit of local
11 government, or school district in defending any litigation,
12 action, or proceeding brought to recover lands within the
13 State from that such person, unit of local government, or
14 school district, if the litigation, action, or proceeding is
15 based upon an allegation that the title or a beneficial
16 interest in the title is derived from an invalid federal land
17 patent and the Attorney General finds that a loss of State
18 sovereignty or jurisdiction over those lands or liability for
19 rents or damages may result if the land patent is held to be
20 invalid. The hourly rate for legal fees paid or reimbursed
21 under this Section shall not exceed the maximum hourly rate
22 customarily paid to Special Assistant Attorneys General. The
23 total amount of legal fees paid or reimbursed under this
24 Section shall not exceed \$100,000. The payments or
25 reimbursements may be made from moneys appropriated to the
26 Attorney General for fiscal year 2001 for contractual
27 services, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. The
28 Attorney General must, no later than April 15, 2001, submit
29 to the General Assembly a detailed, written report indicating
30 which fees the Attorney General has or intends to pay or
31 reimburse and the basis for making the payment or

1 reimbursement. This Section is repealed on July 1, 2001.
2 (Source: P.A. 91-940, eff. 2-1-01.)