

1 AN ACT concerning fees.

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
5 changing Section 27.3a as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/27.3a) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3a)

7 Sec. 27.3a. Fees for automated record keeping.

8 1. The expense of establishing and maintaining automated
9 record keeping systems in the offices of the clerks of the
10 circuit court shall be borne by the county. To defray that
11 such expense in any county having established such an
12 automated system or which elects to establish such a system,
13 the county board may require the clerk of the circuit court
14 in their county to charge and collect a court automation fee
15 of not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 to be charged and
16 collected by the clerk of the court. Such fee shall be paid
17 at the time of filing the first pleading, paper or other
18 appearance filed by each party in all civil cases or by the
19 defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, municipal
20 ordinance, or conservation case upon a judgment of guilty or
21 grant of supervision, provided that the record keeping system
22 which processes the case category for which the fee is
23 charged is automated or has been approved for automation by
24 the county board, and provided further that no additional fee
25 shall be required if more than one party is presented in a
26 single pleading, paper or other appearance. Such fee shall
27 be collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs
28 are collected.

29 2. Each clerk shall commence such charges and
30 collections upon receipt of written notice from the chairman
31 of the county board together with a certified copy of the

1 board's resolution, which the clerk shall file of record in
2 his office.

3 3. Such fees shall be in addition to all other fees and
4 charges of such clerks, and assessable as costs, and may be
5 waived only if the judge specifically provides for the waiver
6 of the court automation fee. The fees shall be remitted
7 monthly by such clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained
8 by him in a special fund designated as the court automation
9 fund. The fund shall be audited by the county auditor, and
10 the board shall make expenditure from the fund in payment of
11 any cost related to the automation of court records,
12 including hardware, software, research and development costs
13 and personnel related thereto, provided that the expenditure
14 is approved by the clerk of the court and by the chief judge
15 of the circuit court or his designate.

16 4. Such fees shall not be charged in any matter coming
17 to any such clerk on change of venue, nor in any proceeding
18 to review the decision of any administrative officer, agency
19 or body.

20 (Source: P.A. 87-669; 87-670; 87-671; 87-838; 87-1230.)