

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution  
5 Center Act is amended by changing Sections 3 and 4 as follows:

6 (710 ILCS 20/3) (from Ch. 37, par. 853)

7 Sec. 3. (a) In judicial circuits which include a county  
8 with a population of over 2,000,000 inhabitants, a dispute  
9 resolution fund shall be established.

10 (b) In any other judicial circuit a dispute resolution  
11 fund shall be established upon a finding by the Chief Judge of  
12 the circuit that:

13 (1) A dispute resolution center would significantly  
14 enhance the administration of justice in that circuit; and

15 (2) A dispute resolution center exists or should be  
16 created in the judicial circuit.

17 (c) In each judicial circuit in which a dispute resolution  
18 fund is established, the clerks of the circuit court shall  
19 charge and collect a dispute resolution fund fee of \$2 ~~\$1~~, such  
20 fee to be paid by the party initiating the action at the time  
21 of filing the first pleading in all civil cases. Such fees  
22 shall not be charged in any proceeding commenced by or on  
23 behalf of a unit of local government.

1           Such fees shall be in addition to all other fees and  
2 charges of such clerks, shall be assessable as costs, and  
3 shall be remitted by such clerks monthly to the county  
4 treasurers, and shall be disbursed monthly by the county  
5 treasurer to the dispute resolution fund established under  
6 this Section. Each such clerk shall commence such charges and  
7 collections upon receipt of written notice from the Chief  
8 Judge of the judicial circuit that a dispute resolution fund  
9 has been established.

10           (d) Each dispute resolution fund established under this  
11 Section shall be administered by the Chief Judge of the  
12 judicial circuit in which the fund is established.

13           (Source: P.A. 85-756.)

14           (710 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 37, par. 854)

15           Sec. 4. (a) Subject to the supervisory authority of the  
16 Supreme Court, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit in  
17 which a dispute resolution fund has been established shall  
18 annually make grant disbursements from the fund to dispute  
19 resolution centers within the judicial circuit which meet the  
20 criteria in Section 4 of this Act.

21           (b) Disbursements by the Chief Judge shall be made to  
22 qualified dispute resolution centers within a judicial circuit  
23 based on each center's proportionate share of the total number  
24 of cases resolved by all qualified centers in that circuit  
25 during the year prior to application.

1           (c) In no event shall the disbursement to any dispute  
2 resolution center in one year exceed \$300,000 ~~\$200,000~~. Any  
3 amounts collected under Section 3 but not disbursed in a  
4 particular year shall:

5           (1) in single-county judicial circuits, be paid to the  
6 county treasurer for the administration of justice in the  
7 judicial circuit; and

8           (2) in judicial circuits of more than one county, be paid  
9 to the county treasurers of each county of the judicial  
10 circuit for the administration of justice in the judicial  
11 circuit, in amounts in proportion to the amounts of the  
12 disbursements made by each of the county treasurers to the  
13 fund during the year.

14           (d) A dispute resolution center may accept funds from  
15 other public entities or private sources.

16           (Source: P.A. 85-756.)