

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 Local Records Act is amended by changing
5 Section 3a as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 205/3a) (from Ch. 116, par. 43.103a)

7 Sec. 3a. Reports and records of the obligation, receipt,
8 and use of public funds of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of
9 Cook County, units of local government, and school districts,
10 including certified audits, management letters and other audit
11 reports made by the Auditor General, County Auditors, other
12 officers or by licensed Certified Public Accountants permitted
13 to perform audits under the Illinois Public Accounting Act and
14 presented to the corporate authorities or boards of the units
15 of local government, are public records available for
16 inspection by the public. These records shall be kept at the
17 official place of business of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of
18 Cook County and each unit of local government and school
19 district or at a designated place of business of the unit or
20 district. These records shall be available for public
21 inspection during regular office hours except when in
22 immediate use by persons exercising official duties which
23 require the use of those records. The person in charge of such

1 records may require a notice in writing to be submitted 24
2 hours prior to inspection and may require that such notice
3 specify which records are to be inspected. Nothing in this
4 Section shall require units of local government and school
5 districts to invade or assist in the invasion of any person's
6 right to privacy.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-465, eff. 8-4-05.)

8 Section 10. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by
9 changing Section 27.3b as follows:

10 (705 ILCS 105/27.3b) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3b)

11 Sec. 27.3b. The clerk of court may accept payment of
12 fines, penalties, or costs by credit card or debit card
13 approved by the clerk from an offender who has been convicted
14 of or placed on court supervision for a traffic offense, petty
15 offense, ordinance offense, or misdemeanor or who has been
16 convicted of a felony offense. The clerk of the circuit court
17 shall ~~may~~ accept credit card payments over the Internet for
18 fines, penalties, court costs, or costs from offenders on
19 voluntary electronic pleas of guilty in minor traffic and
20 conservation offenses to satisfy the requirement of written
21 pleas of guilty as provided in Illinois Supreme Court Rule
22 529. The clerk of the court may also accept payment of
23 statutory fees by a credit card or debit card. The clerk of the
24 court may also accept the credit card or debit card for the

1 cash deposit of bail bond fees.

2 The Clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter into
3 contracts with credit card or debit card companies approved by
4 the clerk and to negotiate the payment of convenience and
5 administrative fees normally charged by those companies for
6 allowing the clerk of the circuit court to accept their credit
7 cards or debit cards in payment as authorized herein. The
8 clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter into
9 contracts with third party fund guarantors, facilitators, and
10 service providers under which those entities may contract
11 directly with customers of the clerk of the circuit court and
12 guarantee and remit the payments to the clerk of the circuit
13 court. Where the offender pays fines, penalties, or costs by
14 credit card or debit card or through a third party fund
15 guarantor, facilitator, or service provider, or anyone paying
16 statutory fees of the circuit court clerk or the posting of
17 cash bail, the clerk shall collect a service fee of up to \$5 or
18 the amount charged to the clerk for use of its services by the
19 credit card or debit card issuer, third party fund guarantor,
20 facilitator, or service provider. This service fee shall be in
21 addition to any other fines, penalties, or costs. The clerk of
22 the circuit court is authorized to negotiate the assessment of
23 convenience and administrative fees by the third party fund
24 guarantors, facilitators, and service providers with the
25 revenue earned by the clerk of the circuit court to be remitted
26 to the county general revenue fund.

1 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

2 Section 15. The Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act is
3 amended by changing Section 5-20 as follows:

4 (705 ILCS 135/5-20)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

6 Sec. 5-20. Credit; time served; community service.

7 (a) Any credit for time served prior to sentencing that
8 reduces the amount a defendant is required to pay shall be
9 deducted from the fine, if any, ordered by the court.

10 (b) Excluding any ordered conditional assessment, a
11 defendant who has been ordered to pay an assessment may
12 petition the court to convert all or part of the assessment
13 into court-approved public or community service. One hour of
14 public or community service shall be equivalent to \$10 ~~\$4~~ of
15 assessment. The performance of this public or community
16 service shall be a condition of probation, conditional
17 discharge, or supervision and shall be in addition to the
18 performance of any other period of public or community service
19 ordered by the court or required by law.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-987, eff. 7-1-19; 101-408, eff. 1-1-20.)