

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 Supreme Court Act is amended by adding
5 Section 20 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 5/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Judicial Security Officers.

8 (a) Subject to the qualifications listed below and the
9 approval of the Supreme Court of Illinois, the Director of
10 the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts has the
11 power to appoint persons as Judicial Security Officers.
12 Judicial Security Officers shall have the primary
13 responsibility of providing for the personal security of the
14 Justices of the Supreme Court of Illinois. Judicial Security
15 Officers shall be peace officers, and as such, shall have all
16 the powers possessed by police officers and sheriffs,
17 including the power to make arrests on sight or pursuant to
18 valid warrants concerning violations of the laws of the State
19 of Illinois and violations of city or county ordinances.
20 Judicial Security Officers may exercise these powers anywhere
21 in the State as required to protect the Justices of the
22 Supreme Court of Illinois or the properties and interests of
23 the Supreme Court of Illinois, when specifically requested by
24 appropriate State or local law enforcement officers or the
25 marshal for the Supreme Court of Illinois.

26 (b) No Judicial Security Officer shall be appointed
27 unless he or she is at least 21 years of age, a citizen of
28 the United States of America, of sound mind and body and of
29 good moral character with no criminal record, and unless he
30 or she successfully completes a course of training approved
31 by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois

1 Courts. This training program shall be developed with the
2 assistance of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
3 Board. The Director of the Administrative Office of the
4 Illinois Courts may waive the training requirement if, prior
5 to appointment, the person to be appointed has had a minimum
6 of 5 years of experience as a sworn officer of a local,
7 State, or federal law enforcement agency.

8 (c) The Director of the Administrative Office of the
9 Illinois Courts must issue to each Judicial Security Officer
10 appointed under this Section a distinct badge that, on its
11 face, (i) clearly states that it is authorized by the
12 Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and (ii)
13 contains a unique identifying number. The Administrative
14 Office of the Illinois Courts and the Supreme Court of
15 Illinois shall authorize no other badge, except that badges
16 may be issued to persons employed in the office of the
17 marshal for the Supreme Court of Illinois.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.