

AN ACT in relation to courts.

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

Section 5. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by
changing Section 27.3b as follows:

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

Sec. 27.3b. The clerk of court may accept payment of
fines, penalties, or costs by credit card or debit card
approved by the clerk from an offender who has been convicted
of or placed on court supervision for a traffic offense,
petty offense, ordinance offense, or misdemeanor or who has
been convicted of a felony offense. The clerk of the circuit
court may accept credit card payments over the Internet for
fines, penalties, or costs from offenders on voluntary
electronic pleas of guilty in minor traffic and conservation
offenses to satisfy the requirement of written pleas of
guilty as provided in Illinois Supreme Court Rule 529. The
clerk of the court may also accept payment of statutory fees
by a credit card or debit card. The clerk of the court may
also accept the credit card or debit card for the cash
deposit of bail bond fees up to \$300.

The Clerk of the circuit court is authorized to enter
into contracts with credit card or debit card companies
approved by the clerk and to pay those companies fees
normally charged by those companies for allowing the clerk of
the circuit court to accept their credit cards or debit cards
in payment as authorized herein. Where the offender pays
fines, penalties, or costs by credit card or debit card, or
anyone paying statutory fees of the circuit court clerk or
the posting of cash bail, the clerk shall collect a service
fee of up to \$5 or the amount charged to the clerk for use of

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its services by the credit card or debit card issuer. This service fee shall be in addition to any other fines, penalties, or costs.

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