

HB 1646 -- County Courts in First Classification Counties

Sponsor: Cooper

This bill allows any first classification county to establish a county court, by ordinance or charter, to hear and determine cases involving county ordinance violations. All costs for the county court will be paid by the county, and the court will be a division of the circuit court of the circuit in which the county is located. The bill specifies the requirements for the appointment of judges and clerks, the administration of fines and costs, and the selection of courtrooms. Procedures for the disqualification of judges, the duties of judges during proceedings, the rights of defendants during proceedings, and probation procedures for offenders in county courts are also specified.