

HB 2173 -- Circuit Clerk's Record Preservation Fund

Sponsor: Parson

This bill authorizes a \$3 fee to be assessed, in addition to all other court costs, in all civil and criminal cases, including violations of municipal or county ordinances heard by an associate circuit judge, or any violation of criminal traffic laws including infractions. The \$3 fee will not be collected in any proceeding involving a violation of an ordinance or state law when the criminal proceeding or the defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs have been waived or paid by the state, county, or municipality. The court clerk must retain \$2 of this fee to be deposited into the circuit clerk's record preservation fund to be used for record storage, microfilming, preservation, and public access of court records. The fund cannot be used to substitute for or subsidize any allocation of general revenue for the operation of the circuit clerk's office without the express consent of the circuit clerk.