

HCS HB 1935 -- MUNICIPAL COURT COSTS

SPONSOR: Austin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill changes an incorrect intersectional reference to allow a municipality to adopt an ordinance to impose a surcharge in addition to all other court costs for the automation of its municipal court.

The bill allows Springfield to provide for additional court costs in an amount up to \$10 per case for each municipal ordinance violation case filed before a municipal division judge or associate circuit judge. The cost must be collected by the clerk and disbursed to the city at least monthly. The city must use the additional costs only for the land assemblage and purchase, construction, maintenance, and upkeep of a municipal courthouse. The costs collected may be pledged to directly or indirectly secure bonds for the cost of land assemblage and purchase, construction, maintenance, and upkeep of the courthouse.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will correct a mistaken reference in current statute.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Austin.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.