

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 28, Page 1, Section 43.253, Line 13, by inserting after said section and line
2 the following:

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4 "476.055. 1. There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Statewide Court
5 Automation Fund". All moneys collected pursuant to section 488.027, as well as gifts,
6 contributions, devises, bequests, and grants received relating to automation of judicial record
7 keeping, and moneys received by the judicial system for the dissemination of information and sales
8 of publications developed relating to automation of judicial record keeping, shall be credited to the
9 fund. Moneys credited to this fund may only be used for the purposes set forth in this section and as
10 appropriated by the general assembly. Any unexpended balance remaining in the statewide court
11 automation fund at the end of each biennium shall not be subject to the provisions of section 33.080
12 requiring the transfer of such unexpended balance to general revenue[; ~~except that, any unexpended~~
13 ~~balance remaining in the fund on September 1, 2023, shall be transferred to general revenue~~].

14 2. The statewide court automation fund shall be administered by a court automation
15 committee consisting of the following: the chief justice of the supreme court, a judge from the court
16 of appeals, four circuit judges, four associate circuit judges, four employees of the circuit court, two
17 municipal employees who work full time in a municipal division of a circuit court, the
18 commissioner of administration, two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
19 speaker of the house, two members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate,
20 the executive director of the Missouri office of prosecution services, the director of the state public
21 defender system, and two members of the Missouri Bar. The judge members and employee
22 members shall be appointed by the chief justice. The commissioner of administration shall serve ex
23 officio. The members of the Missouri Bar shall be appointed by the board of governors of the
24 Missouri Bar. Any member of the committee may designate another person to serve on the
25 committee in place of the committee member.

26 3. The committee shall develop and implement a plan for a statewide court automation
27 system. The committee shall have the authority to hire consultants, review systems in other
28 jurisdictions and purchase goods and services to administer the provisions of this section. The
29 committee may implement one or more pilot projects in the state for the purposes of determining the
30 feasibility of developing and implementing such plan. The members of the committee shall be

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1 reimbursed from the court automation fund for their actual expenses in performing their official
2 duties on the committee.

3 4. Any purchase of computer software or computer hardware that exceeds five thousand
4 dollars shall be made pursuant to the requirements of the office of administration for lowest and best
5 bid. Such bids shall be subject to acceptance by the office of administration. The court automation
6 committee shall determine the specifications for such bids.

7 5. The court automation committee shall not require any circuit court to change any
8 operating system in such court, unless the committee provides all necessary personnel, funds and
9 equipment necessary to effectuate the required changes. No judicial circuit or county may be
10 reimbursed for any costs incurred pursuant to this subsection unless such judicial circuit or county
11 has the approval of the court automation committee prior to incurring the specific cost.

12 6. Any court automation system, including any pilot project, shall be implemented, operated
13 and maintained in accordance with strict standards for the security and privacy of confidential
14 judicial records. Any person who knowingly releases information from a confidential judicial
15 record is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Any person who, knowing that a judicial record is
16 confidential, uses information from such confidential record for financial gain is guilty of a class E
17 felony.

18 7. On the first day of February, May, August and November of each year, the court
19 automation committee shall file a report on the progress of the statewide automation system with:

- 20 (1) The chair of the house budget committee;
21 (2) The chair of the senate appropriations committee;
22 (3) The chair of the house judiciary committee; and
23 (4) The chair of the senate judiciary committee.

24 8. ~~[Section 488.027 shall expire on September 1, 2023.]~~ The court automation committee
25 established pursuant to this section may continue to function until completion of its duties
26 prescribed by this section~~], but shall complete its duties prior to September 1, 2025.~~

27 ~~9. This section shall expire on September 1, 2025]."; and~~
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29 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
30 accordingly.