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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6321**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 145**

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 13, 1998  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Court fees for document management.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a county, city with a city court, or town with a town court to impose a document storage fee or an automated record keeping fee, or both, in all civil, criminal, infraction, and ordinance violation cases. It provides that the fees are to be deposited in the clerk's record perpetuation fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** This bill would allow courts to assess a \$5 maximum document storage fee to raise revenue to cover costs associated with archiving and storing records. The funds could be used to microfilm or store records electronically, and to cover costs associated with installing backup systems to ensure the security of court records.

Should a local legislative body decide to assess such a fee, the amount of revenue raised will depend on the fee amount (a maximum of \$5) and the number of filings for which the fee is assessed.

Illinois has a similar statute which establishes two (2) additional court fees, one to fund the establishment of document storage systems and one to fund automated record-keeping systems.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Clerks; courts.

**Information Sources:** Randall Yohn, Elkhart County Clerk, (219) 535-6430; Illinois Statute, Chapter 705, Act 105, §27.3 (a) and (c).