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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to clerks of court; transferring the
3 Clerks of the Court Trust Fund from the Justice
4 Administrative Commission to the Department of
5 Revenue; amending s. 11.90, F.S.; providing additional
6 duties of the Legislative Budget Commission relating
7 to clerks of court; amending s. 28.241, F.S.; revising
8 distribution of filing fees; revising references to
9 trust funds; repealing s. 28.2455, F.S., relating to
10 transfer of trust funds in excess of amount needed for
11 clerk budgets; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; conforming
12 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
13 28.35, F.S.; deleting provisions providing for the
14 housing of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
15 Corporation; revising duties of the corporation;
16 defining terms; providing requirements for annual
17 submission of a proposed budget and related
18 information; revising provisions concerning functions
19 that may and may not be funded from specified sources;
20 revising distribution of the corporation's audit
21 report; amending s. 28.36, F.S.; specifying that only
22 certain functions may be funded from fees, service
23 charges, costs, and fines retained by the clerks of
24 the court; revising provisions relating to preparation
25 of budget requests by clerks; providing for reporting
26 and certification of revenue deficits; providing
27 procedures for retention of additional revenues by
28 clerks in the event of a deficit; providing for the

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29 | release of funds from a specified trust fund to
30 | relieve such a deficit in certain circumstances;
31 | providing for increases in previously authorized
32 | budgets in certain circumstances; deleting provisions
33 | relating to review of budgets and related information;
34 | creating s. 28.365, F.S.; providing that clerks of
35 | court and the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
36 | Corporation are subject to specified procurement
37 | requirements for expenditures made pursuant to
38 | specified provisions; amending s. 28.37, F.S.;
39 | providing that a portion of all fines, fees, service
40 | charges, and costs collected by the clerks of the
41 | court that exceeds a specified portion of the clerk's
42 | annual budget be remitted to a specified trust fund;
43 | providing for remission of certain excess collections
44 | to the department for deposit into the General Revenue
45 | Fund on specified dates; providing for deposit of such
46 | funds in a specified trust fund in certain
47 | circumstances; providing for collection of certain
48 | funds due by the department; amending s. 34.041, F.S.;
49 | conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
50 | revising distribution of certain fees; amending ss.
51 | 43.16 and 110.205, F.S.; conforming provisions to
52 | changes made by the act; amending s. 142.01, F.S.;
53 | revising the funds deposited in each county's fine and
54 | forfeiture fund; deleting provisions specifying that
55 | certain moneys are considered state funds; amending s.
56 | 213.131, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made

57 | by the act; amending s. 215.22, F.S.; exempting
 58 | certain moneys deposited in the Clerks of the Court
 59 | Trust Fund from a specified deduction; amending s.
 60 | 216.011, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
 61 | by the act; specifying the authorized budget for the
 62 | clerks of the circuit court and the corporation for
 63 | specified periods; requiring the corporation to
 64 | determine budget amounts for the individual clerks for
 65 | those periods; providing effective dates.

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 67 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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69 | Section 1. The Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 70 | Justice Administrative Commission, FLAIR number 21-2-588, is
 71 | transferred together with all balances in the fund to the
 72 | Department of Revenue.

73 | Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 11.90, Florida
 74 | Statutes, is amended to read:

75 | 11.90 Legislative Budget Commission.—

76 | (6) The commission shall have the power and duty to:

77 | (a) Review and approve or disapprove budget amendments
 78 | recommended by the Governor or the Chief Justice of the Supreme
 79 | Court as provided in chapter 216.

80 | (b) Develop the long-range financial outlook described in
 81 | s. 19, Art. III of the State Constitution.

82 | (c) Review and approve, disapprove, or amend and approve
 83 | the budget of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
 84 | Corporation.

85 (d) Review and approve, disapprove, or amend and approve
 86 the total combined budgets of the clerks of the court or the
 87 budget of any individual clerk of the court for court-related
 88 functions.

89 (e) In addition to the powers and duties specified in this
 90 subsection, the commission shall Exercise all other powers and
 91 perform any other duties prescribed by the Legislature.

92 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 93 28.241, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

94 28.241 Filing fees for trial and appellate proceedings.—

95 (1) Filing fees are due at the time a party files a
 96 pleading to initiate a proceeding or files a pleading for
 97 relief. Reopen fees are due at the time a party files a pleading
 98 to reopen a proceeding if at least 90 days have elapsed since
 99 the filing of a final order or final judgment with the clerk. If
 100 a fee is not paid upon the filing of the pleading as required
 101 under this section, the clerk shall pursue collection of the fee
 102 pursuant to s. 28.246.

103 (a)1.a. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph b. and
 104 subparagraph 2., the party instituting any civil action, suit,
 105 or proceeding in the circuit court shall pay to the clerk of
 106 that court a filing fee of up to \$395 in all cases in which
 107 there are not more than five defendants and an additional filing
 108 fee of up to \$2.50 for each defendant in excess of five. Of the
 109 first \$200 ~~\$280~~ in filing fees, ~~\$80 must be remitted by the~~
 110 ~~clerk to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General~~
 111 ~~Revenue Fund,~~ \$195 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue
 112 for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 ~~\$3.50~~

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113 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into
 114 the Administrative Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 115 Department of Financial Services ~~Justice Administrative~~
 116 ~~Commission~~ and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks
 117 of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1
 118 ~~\$1.50~~ must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit
 119 into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of
 120 Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-
 121 related expenditures ~~clerk budget reviews~~ conducted by the
 122 Department of Financial Services. By the 10th of each month, the
 123 clerk shall submit that portion of the filing fees collected in
 124 the previous month that is in excess of one-twelfth of the
 125 clerk's total budget ~~One third of any filing fees collected by~~
 126 ~~the clerk of the circuit court in excess of \$100 must be~~
 127 ~~remitted~~ to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
 128 Clerks of the Court Trust Fund ~~within the Justice Administrative~~
 129 ~~Commission~~.

130 b. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or
 131 proceeding in the circuit court under chapter 39, chapter 61,
 132 chapter 741, chapter 742, chapter 747, chapter 752, or chapter
 133 753 shall pay to the clerk of that court a filing fee of up to
 134 \$295 in all cases in which there are not more than five
 135 defendants and an additional filing fee of up to \$2.50 for each
 136 defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$100 ~~\$180~~ in filing
 137 fees, ~~\$80 must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of~~
 138 ~~Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund,~~ \$95 must be
 139 remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the State
 140 Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 ~~\$3.50~~ must be remitted to the

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141 Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Clerks
 142 ~~of the Court~~ Trust Fund within the Department of Financial
 143 Services ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~ and used to fund the
 144 contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
 145 created in s. 28.35, and \$1 ~~\$1.50~~ must be remitted to the
 146 Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust
 147 Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund audits
 148 of individual clerks' court-related expenditures ~~clerk budget~~
 149 ~~reviews~~ conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

150 c. An additional filing fee of \$4 shall be paid to the
 151 clerk. The clerk shall remit \$3.50 to the Department of Revenue
 152 for deposit into the Court Education Trust Fund and shall remit
 153 50 cents to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
 154 Administrative Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 155 Department of Financial Services ~~Justice Administrative~~
 156 ~~Commission~~ to fund clerk education provided by the Florida
 157 Clerks of Court Operations Corporation. An additional filing fee
 158 of up to \$18 shall be paid by the party seeking each severance
 159 that is granted. The clerk may impose an additional filing fee
 160 of up to \$85 for all proceedings of garnishment, attachment,
 161 replevin, and distress. Postal charges incurred by the clerk of
 162 the circuit court in making service by certified or registered
 163 mail on defendants or other parties shall be paid by the party
 164 at whose instance service is made. Additional fees, charges, or
 165 costs may not be added to the filing fees imposed under this
 166 section, except as authorized in this section or by general law.

167 2.a. Notwithstanding the fees prescribed in subparagraph
 168 1., a party instituting a civil action in circuit court relating

169 | to real property or mortgage foreclosure shall pay a graduated
 170 | filing fee based on the value of the claim.

171 | b. A party shall estimate in writing the amount in
 172 | controversy of the claim upon filing the action. For purposes of
 173 | this subparagraph, the value of a mortgage foreclosure action is
 174 | based upon the principal due on the note secured by the
 175 | mortgage, plus interest owed on the note and any moneys advanced
 176 | by the lender for property taxes, insurance, and other advances
 177 | secured by the mortgage, at the time of filing the foreclosure.
 178 | The value shall also include the value of any tax certificates
 179 | related to the property. In stating the value of a mortgage
 180 | foreclosure claim, a party shall declare in writing the total
 181 | value of the claim, as well as the individual elements of the
 182 | value as prescribed in this sub-subparagraph.

183 | c. In its order providing for the final disposition of the
 184 | matter, the court shall identify the actual value of the claim.
 185 | The clerk shall adjust the filing fee if there is a difference
 186 | between the estimated amount in controversy and the actual value
 187 | of the claim and collect any additional filing fee owed or
 188 | provide a refund of excess filing fee paid.

189 | d. The party shall pay a filing fee of:

190 | (I) Three hundred and ninety-five dollars in all cases in
 191 | which the value of the claim is \$50,000 or less and in which
 192 | there are not more than five defendants. The party shall pay an
 193 | additional filing fee of up to \$2.50 for each defendant in
 194 | excess of five. Of the first \$200 ~~\$280~~ in filing fees, \$195 ~~\$275~~
 195 | must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of Revenue for
 196 | deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$4 ~~\$3.50~~ must be remitted

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197 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative
 198 ~~Clerks of the Court~~ Trust Fund within the Department of
 199 Financial Services ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~ and used to
 200 fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
 201 Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 ~~\$1.50~~ must be remitted
 202 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative
 203 Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund
 204 audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures ~~clerk~~
 205 ~~budget reviews~~ conducted by the Department of Financial
 206 Services;

207 (II) Nine hundred dollars in all cases in which the value
 208 of the claim is more than \$50,000 but less than \$250,000 and in
 209 which there are not more than five defendants. The party shall
 210 pay an additional filing fee of up to \$2.50 for each defendant
 211 in excess of five. Of the first \$705 ~~\$785~~ in filing fees, \$700
 212 ~~\$780~~ must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of Revenue
 213 for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$4 ~~\$3.50~~ must be
 214 remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
 215 Administrative Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 216 Department of Financial Services ~~Justice Administrative~~
 217 ~~Commission~~ and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks
 218 of Court Operations Corporation created ~~described~~ in s. 28.35,
 219 and \$1 ~~\$1.50~~ must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for
 220 deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department
 221 of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks'
 222 court-related expenditures ~~clerk budget reviews~~ conducted by the
 223 Department of Financial Services; or

224 (III) One thousand nine hundred dollars in all cases in

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225 | which the value of the claim is \$250,000 or more and in which
 226 | there are not more than five defendants. The party shall pay an
 227 | additional filing fee of up to \$2.50 for each defendant in
 228 | excess of five. Of the first \$1,705 ~~\$1,785~~ in filing fees, \$930
 229 | ~~\$1,010~~ must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of
 230 | Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$770 must be
 231 | remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the State
 232 | Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 ~~\$3.50~~ must be remitted to the
 233 | Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Clerks
 234 | ~~of the Court~~ Trust Fund within the Department of Financial
 235 | Services ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~ to fund the contract
 236 | with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created
 237 | in s. 28.35, and \$1 ~~\$1.50~~ must be remitted to the Department of
 238 | Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within
 239 | the Department of Financial Services to fund audits of
 240 | individual clerks' court-related expenditures ~~clerk budget~~
 241 | ~~reviews~~ conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

242 | e. An additional filing fee of \$4 shall be paid to the
 243 | clerk. The clerk shall remit \$3.50 to the Department of Revenue
 244 | for deposit into the Court Education Trust Fund and shall remit
 245 | 50 cents to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
 246 | Administrative Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 247 | Department of Financial Services ~~Justice Administrative~~
 248 | ~~Commission~~ to fund clerk education provided by the Florida
 249 | Clerks of Court Operations Corporation. An additional filing fee
 250 | of up to \$18 shall be paid by the party seeking each severance
 251 | that is granted. The clerk may impose an additional filing fee
 252 | of up to \$85 for all proceedings of garnishment, attachment,

253 replevin, and distress. Postal charges incurred by the clerk of
 254 the circuit court in making service by certified or registered
 255 mail on defendants or other parties shall be paid by the party
 256 at whose instance service is made. Additional fees, charges, or
 257 costs may not be added to the filing fees imposed under this
 258 section, except as authorized in this section or by general law.

259 Section 4. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section
 260 28.2455, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

261 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
 262 28.246, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

263 28.246 Payment of court-related fines or other monetary
 264 penalties, fees, charges, and costs; partial payments;
 265 distribution of funds.—

266 (5) When receiving partial payment of fees, service
 267 charges, court costs, and fines, clerks shall distribute funds
 268 according to the following order of priority:

269 (b) That portion of fees, service charges, court costs,
 270 and fines required to be retained by the clerk of the court or
 271 deposited into the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 272 Department of Revenue ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~.

273
 274 To offset processing costs, clerks may impose either a per-month
 275 service charge pursuant to s. 28.24(26) (b) or a one-time
 276 administrative processing service charge at the inception of the
 277 payment plan pursuant to s. 28.24(26) (c).

278 Section 6. Section 28.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 279 read:

280 28.35 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.—

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281 (1) (a) The Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
282 is created as a public corporation organized to perform the
283 functions specified in this section and s. 28.36 ~~and shall be~~
284 ~~administratively housed within the Justice Administrative~~
285 ~~Commission. The corporation shall be a budget entity within the~~
286 ~~Justice Administrative Commission, and its employees shall be~~
287 ~~considered state employees. The corporation is not subject to~~
288 ~~control, supervision, or direction by the Justice Administrative~~
289 ~~Commission in the performance of its duties, but the employees~~
290 ~~of the corporation shall be governed by the classification plan~~
291 ~~and salary and benefits plan of the Justice Administrative~~
292 ~~Commission. The classification plan must have a separate chapter~~
293 ~~for the corporation.~~ All clerks of the circuit court shall be
294 members of the corporation and hold their position and authority
295 in an ex officio capacity. The functions assigned to the
296 corporation shall be performed by an executive council pursuant
297 to the plan of operation approved by the members.

298 (b) The executive council shall be composed of eight
299 clerks of the court elected by the clerks of the courts for a
300 term of 2 years, with two clerks from counties with a population
301 of fewer than 100,000, two clerks from counties with a
302 population of at least 100,000 but fewer than 500,000, two
303 clerks from counties with a population of at least 500,000 but
304 fewer than 1 million, and two clerks from counties with a
305 population of more than 1 million. The executive council shall
306 also include, as ex officio members, a designee of the President
307 of the Senate and a designee of the Speaker of the House of
308 Representatives. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall

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309 designate one additional member to represent the state courts
310 system.

311 (c) The corporation shall be considered a political
312 subdivision of the state and shall be exempt from the corporate
313 income tax. The corporation is not subject to ~~the provisions of~~
314 chapter 120.

315 (d) The functions assigned to the corporation under this
316 section and ss. 28.36 and 28.37 are considered to be for a valid
317 public purpose.

318 (2) The duties of the corporation shall include the
319 following:

320 (a) Adopting a plan of operation.

321 (b) Conducting the election of an executive council
322 ~~directors~~ as required in paragraph (1) (b) ~~(1) (a)~~.

323 (c) Recommending to the Legislature changes in the amounts
324 of the various court-related fines, fees, service charges, and
325 ~~court~~ costs established by law to ensure reasonable and adequate
326 funding of the clerks of the court in the performance of their
327 court-related functions.

328 (d) Developing and certifying a uniform system of workload
329 ~~performance~~ measures and applicable workload ~~performance~~
330 standards for the functions specified in paragraph (3) (a) and
331 ~~the service unit costs required in s. 28.36 and measures for~~
332 clerk workload performance in meeting the workload performance
333 standards. These workload measures and workload performance
334 standards shall be designed to facilitate an objective
335 determination of the performance of each clerk in accordance
336 with minimum standards for fiscal management, operational

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337 efficiency, and effective collection of fines, fees, service
338 charges, and court costs. The corporation shall develop the
339 workload ~~performance~~ measures and workload performance standards
340 in consultation with the Legislature ~~and the Supreme Court~~. The
341 Legislature ~~may modify the clerk performance measures and~~
342 ~~performance standards in legislation implementing the General~~
343 ~~Appropriations Act or other law~~. When the corporation finds a
344 clerk has not met the workload performance standards, the
345 corporation shall identify the nature of each deficiency and any
346 corrective action recommended and taken by the affected clerk of
347 the court. The corporation shall notify the Legislature ~~and the~~
348 ~~Supreme Court~~ of any clerk not meeting workload performance
349 standards and provide a copy of any corrective action plans. As
350 used in this subsection, the term:

351 1. "Workload measures" means the measurement of the
352 activities and frequency of the work required for the clerk to
353 adequately perform the court-related duties of the office as
354 defined by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.

355 2. "Workload performance standards" means the standards
356 developed to measure the timeliness and effectiveness of the
357 activities that are accomplished by the clerk in the performance
358 of the court-related duties of the office as defined by the
359 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.

360 (e) Entering into a contract with the Department of
361 Financial Services for the department to audit the court-related
362 expenditures of individual clerks.

363 (f) ~~(e)~~ Reviewing, certifying, and recommending proposed
364 budgets submitted by clerks of the court pursuant to s. 28.36.

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365 As part of this process, the corporation shall:

366 1. Calculate the minimum amount of revenue necessary for
367 each clerk of the court to efficiently perform the list of
368 court-related functions specified in paragraph (3) (a). The
369 corporation shall apply the workload measures appropriate for
370 determining the individual level of review required to fund the
371 clerk's budget.

372 2. Prepare a cost comparison of similarly situated clerks
373 of the court, based on county population and numbers of filings,
374 using the standard list of court-related functions specified in
375 paragraph (3) (a).

376 3. Conduct an annual base budget review and an annual
377 budget exercise examining the total budget of each clerk of the
378 court. The review shall examine revenues from all sources,
379 expenses of court-related functions, and expenses of noncourt-
380 related functions as necessary to determine that court-related
381 revenues are not being used for noncourt-related purposes. The
382 review and exercise shall identify potential targeted budget
383 reductions in the percentage amount provided in Schedule VIII-B
384 of the state's previous year's legislative budget instructions,
385 as referenced in s. 216.023(3), or an equivalent schedule or
386 instruction as may be adopted by the Legislature.

387 4. Identify those proposed budgets containing funding for
388 items not included on the standard list of court-related
389 functions specified in paragraph (3) (a).

390 5. Identify those clerks projected to have court-related
391 revenues insufficient to fund their anticipated court-related
392 expenditures

393 6. Use revenue estimates based on the official estimate
 394 for funds accruing to the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund made by
 395 the Revenue Estimating Conference.

396 (g) ~~(f)~~ Developing and conducting clerk education programs.

397 ~~(g) Publishing a uniform schedule of actual fees, service~~
 398 ~~charges, and costs charged by a clerk of the court pursuant to~~
 399 ~~general law.~~

400 (h) Beginning August 1, 2014, and each August 1
 401 thereafter, submitting to the Legislative Budget Commission, as
 402 provided in s. 11.90, its proposed budget and the information
 403 described in paragraph (f), as well as the authorized budgets
 404 for each clerk of the court and the corporation. Before October
 405 1 of each year beginning in 2014, the Legislative Budget
 406 Commission shall consider the submitted budgets and shall
 407 approve, disapprove, or amend and approve the corporation's
 408 budget and shall approve, disapprove, or amend and approve the
 409 total of the clerks' combined budgets or any individual clerk's
 410 budget. If the Legislative Budget Commission fails to approve or
 411 amend and approve the corporation's budget or the clerks'
 412 combined budgets before October 1, the clerk shall continue to
 413 perform the court-related functions based upon the clerk's
 414 authorized budget for the previous county fiscal year.

415 (3) (a) The list of court-related functions that clerks may
 416 fund from filing fees, service charges, costs, and fines is
 417 perform are limited to those functions expressly authorized by
 418 law or court rule. Those functions include the following: case
 419 maintenance; records management; court preparation and
 420 attendance; processing the assignment, reopening, and

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421 reassignment of cases; processing of appeals; collection and
 422 distribution of fines, fees, service charges, and court costs;
 423 processing of bond forfeiture payments; payment of jurors and
 424 witnesses; payment of expenses for meals or lodging provided to
 425 jurors; data collection and reporting; processing of jurors;
 426 determinations of indigent status; and paying reasonable
 427 administrative support costs to enable the clerk of the court to
 428 carry out these court-related functions.

429 (b) The list of court-related functions that clerks may
 430 not fund from filing fees, service charges, costs, and fines
 431 includes ~~state appropriations include:~~

- 432 1. Those functions not specified within paragraph (a).
- 433 2. Functions assigned by administrative orders which are
 434 not required for the clerk to perform the functions in paragraph
 435 (a).
- 436 3. Enhanced levels of service which are not required for
 437 the clerk to perform the functions in paragraph (a).
- 438 4. Functions identified as local requirements in law or
 439 local optional programs.

440 (4) The corporation shall ~~prepare a legislative budget~~
 441 ~~request for the resources necessary to perform its duties,~~
 442 ~~submit the request pursuant to chapter 216, and be funded~~
 443 pursuant a contract with the Chief Financial Officer. Funds
 444 shall be provided to the Chief Financial Officer for such
 445 purpose as appropriated by general law. Such funds shall be
 446 available to the corporation for the performance of the duties
 447 and responsibilities set forth in this section as a budget
 448 ~~entity in the General Appropriations Act.~~ The corporation may

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449 hire staff and pay other expenses from such funds ~~state~~
 450 ~~appropriations~~ as necessary to perform the official duties and
 451 responsibilities of the corporation as described in this section
 452 ~~by law.~~

453 (5) Certified public accountants conducting audits of
 454 counties pursuant to s. 218.39 shall report, as part of the
 455 audit, whether ~~or not~~ the clerks of the courts have complied
 456 with the requirements of this section and s. 28.36. In addition,
 457 each clerk of court shall forward a copy of the ~~portion of the~~
 458 financial audit ~~relating to the court-related duties of the~~
 459 ~~clerk of court~~ to the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
 460 Corporation ~~Supreme Court~~. The Auditor General shall develop a
 461 compliance supplement for the audit of compliance with the
 462 budgets and applicable workload performance standards certified
 463 by the corporation.

464 Section 7. Section 28.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 465 read:

466 28.36 Budget procedure.—There is established a budget
 467 procedure ~~for preparing budget requests for funding~~ for the
 468 court-related functions of the clerks of the court.

469 (1) Only those functions listed in s. 28.35(3)(a) may be
 470 funded from fees, service charges, costs, and fines retained by
 471 the clerks of the court ~~Each clerk of court shall prepare a~~
 472 ~~budget request for the last quarter of the county fiscal year~~
 473 ~~and the first three quarters of the next county fiscal year. The~~
 474 ~~proposed budget shall be prepared, summarized, and submitted by~~
 475 ~~the clerk in each county to the Florida Clerks of Court~~
 476 ~~Operations Corporation in the manner and form prescribed by the~~

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477 ~~corporation to meet the requirements of law. Each clerk shall~~
478 ~~forward a copy of his or her budget request to the Supreme~~
479 ~~Court. The budget requests must be provided to the corporation~~
480 ~~by October 1 of each year.~~

481 ~~(2) Each clerk shall include in his or her budget request~~
482 ~~a projection of the amount of court-related fees, service~~
483 ~~charges, and any other court-related clerk fees which will be~~
484 ~~collected during the proposed budget period. If the corporation~~
485 ~~determines that the proposed budget is limited to the standard~~
486 ~~list of court-related functions in s. 28.35(3)(a) and the~~
487 ~~projected court-related revenues are less than the proposed~~
488 ~~budget, the clerk shall increase all fees, service charges, and~~
489 ~~any other court-related clerk fees and charges to the maximum~~
490 ~~amounts specified by law or the amount necessary to resolve the~~
491 ~~deficit, whichever is less.~~

492 ~~(2)(3) Each proposed budget shall further conform to the~~
493 ~~following requirements~~ clerk shall include in his or her budget
494 ~~request the number of personnel and the proposed budget for each~~
495 ~~of the following core services:~~

496 (a) On or before June 1 of each year beginning in 2014,
497 the proposed budget shall be prepared, summarized, and submitted
498 by the clerk in each county to the Florida Clerks of Court
499 Operations Corporation in the manner and form prescribed by the
500 corporation. The proposed budget must provide detailed
501 information on the anticipated revenues available and
502 expenditures necessary for the performance of the court-related
503 functions listed in s. 28.35(3)(a) of the clerk's office for the
504 county fiscal year beginning October 1.

505 (b) The proposed budget must be balanced such that the
 506 total of the estimated revenues available equals or exceeds the
 507 total of the anticipated expenditures. Such revenues include
 508 revenue projected to be received from fees, services charges,
 509 costs, and fines for court-related functions during the fiscal
 510 period covered by the budget. The anticipated expenditures must
 511 be itemized as required by the corporation.

- 512 ~~(a) Circuit criminal.~~
- 513 ~~(b) County criminal.~~
- 514 ~~(c) Juvenile delinquency.~~
- 515 ~~(d) Criminal traffic.~~
- 516 ~~(e) Circuit civil.~~
- 517 ~~(f) County civil.~~
- 518 ~~(g) Civil traffic.~~
- 519 ~~(h) Probate.~~
- 520 ~~(i) Family.~~
- 521 ~~(j) Juvenile dependency.~~

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 523 ~~Central administrative costs shall be allocated among the core-~~
 524 ~~services categories.~~

525 (3) If a clerk of the court estimates that available funds
 526 plus projected revenues from fines, fees, service charges, and
 527 costs for court-related services are insufficient to meet the
 528 anticipated expenditures for the standard list of court-related
 529 functions in s. 28.35(3)(a) performed by his or her office, the
 530 clerk must report the revenue deficit to the corporation in the
 531 manner and form prescribed by the corporation. The corporation
 532 shall verify that the proposed budget is limited to the standard

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533 list of court-related functions in s. 28.35(3)(a). If the
534 corporation verifies that a revenue deficit is projected, the
535 corporation shall certify a revenue deficit and notify the
536 Department of Revenue that the clerk is authorized to retain
537 revenues, in an amount necessary to fully fund the projected
538 revenue deficit, which he or she would otherwise be required to
539 remit to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
540 department's Clerks of the Court Trust Fund pursuant to s.
541 28.37. If a revenue deficit is projected for that clerk after
542 retaining all of the projected collections from the court-
543 related fines, fees, service charges, and costs, the corporation
544 shall certify the amount of the revenue deficit to the Executive
545 Office of the Governor and request release authority for funds
546 from the department's Clerks of the Court Trust Fund.
547 Notwithstanding s. 216.192 relating to the release of funds, the
548 Executive Office of the Governor may approve the release of
549 funds in accordance with the notice, review, and objection
550 procedures set forth in s. 216.177 and shall provide notice to
551 the Chief Financial Officer. The Department of Revenue shall
552 request monthly distributions from the Chief Financial Officer
553 in equal amounts to each clerk certified to have a revenue
554 deficit, in accordance with the releases approved by the
555 Governor.

556 (4) The Legislative Budget Commission may approve
557 increases to the previously authorized budgets approved for
558 individual clerks of the court pursuant to section 28.35 for
559 court-related functions, if:

560 (a) The additional budget authority is necessary to pay

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561 the cost of performing new or additional functions required by
562 changes in law or court rule; or

563 (b) The additional budget authority is necessary to pay
564 the cost of supporting increases in the number of judges or
565 magistrates authorized by the Legislature.

566 ~~(4) The budget request must identify the service units to~~
567 ~~be provided within each core service. The service units shall be~~
568 ~~developed by the corporation, in consultation with the Supreme~~
569 ~~Court, the Chief Financial Officer, and the appropriations~~
570 ~~committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.~~

571 ~~(5) The budget request must propose a unit cost for each~~
572 ~~service unit. The corporation shall provide a copy of each~~
573 ~~clerk's budget request to the Supreme Court.~~

574 ~~(6) The corporation shall review each individual clerk's~~
575 ~~prior year expenditures, projected revenue, proposed unit costs,~~
576 ~~and the proposed budget for each of the core services~~
577 ~~categories. The corporation shall compare each clerk's prior-~~
578 ~~year expenditures and unit costs for core services with a peer~~
579 ~~group of clerks' offices having a population of a similar size~~
580 ~~and a similar number of case filings. If the corporation finds~~
581 ~~that the expenditures, unit costs, or proposed budget of a clerk~~
582 ~~is significantly higher than those of clerks in that clerk's~~
583 ~~peer group, the corporation shall require the clerk to submit~~
584 ~~documentation justifying the difference in each core services~~
585 ~~category. Justification for higher expenditures may include, but~~
586 ~~is not limited to, collective bargaining agreements, county~~
587 ~~civil service agreements, and the number and distribution of~~
588 ~~courthouses served by the clerk. If the expenditures and unit~~

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589 ~~costs are not justified, the corporation shall recommend a~~
590 ~~reduction in the funding for that core services category in the~~
591 ~~budget request to an amount similar to the peer group of clerks~~
592 ~~or to an amount that the corporation determines is justified.~~

593 ~~(7) The corporation shall complete its review and~~
594 ~~adjustments to the clerks' budget requests and make its~~
595 ~~recommendations to the Legislature and the Supreme Court by~~
596 ~~December 1 each year.~~

597 ~~(8) The Chief Financial Officer shall review the proposed~~
598 ~~unit costs associated with each clerk of court's budget request~~
599 ~~and make recommendations to the Legislature. The Chief Financial~~
600 ~~Officer may conduct any audit of the corporation or a clerk of~~
601 ~~court as authorized by law. The Chief Justice of the Supreme~~
602 ~~Court may request an audit of the corporation or any clerk of~~
603 ~~court by the Chief Financial Officer.~~

604 ~~(9) The Legislature shall appropriate the total amount for~~
605 ~~the budgets of the clerks in the General Appropriations Act. The~~
606 ~~Legislature may reject or modify any or all of the unit costs~~
607 ~~recommended by the corporation. If the Legislature does not~~
608 ~~specify the unit costs in the General Appropriations Act or~~
609 ~~other law, the unit costs recommended by the corporation shall~~
610 ~~be the official unit costs for that budget period.~~

611 ~~(10) (a) Beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the~~
612 ~~corporation shall release appropriations to each clerk~~
613 ~~quarterly. If funds in the Clerks of Court Trust Fund are~~
614 ~~insufficient to provide a release in a quarter in a single~~
615 ~~release, the corporation may release partial amounts for that~~
616 ~~quarter so long as the total of those partial amounts does not~~

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617 ~~exceed that quarter's release. If funds in the Clerks of Court~~
618 ~~Trust Fund are insufficient for the first quarter release, the~~
619 ~~corporation may make a request to the Governor for a trust fund~~
620 ~~loan pursuant to chapter 215. The amount of the first three~~
621 ~~releases shall be based on one quarter of the estimated budget~~
622 ~~for each clerk as identified in the General Appropriations Act.~~

623 ~~(b) The corporation shall estimate the fourth quarter's~~
624 ~~number of units to be performed by each clerk. The amount of the~~
625 ~~fourth-quarter release shall be based on the approved unit cost~~
626 ~~times the estimated number of units of the fourth quarter with~~
627 ~~the following adjustment: the fourth-quarter release shall be~~
628 ~~adjusted based on the first three quarter's actual number of~~
629 ~~service units provided as reported to the corporation by each~~
630 ~~clerk. If the clerk has performed fewer service units in the~~
631 ~~first three quarters of the year compared to three quarters of~~
632 ~~the estimated number of service units in the General~~
633 ~~Appropriations Act, the corporation shall decrease the fourth-~~
634 ~~quarter release. The amount of the decrease shall equal the~~
635 ~~amount of the difference between the estimated number of service~~
636 ~~units for the first three quarters and the actual number of~~
637 ~~service units provided in the first three quarters times the~~
638 ~~approved unit cost.~~

639 ~~(c) No adjustment for the fourth-quarter release shall be~~
640 ~~made if the clerk has performed more units than the estimate for~~
641 ~~the first three quarters.~~

642 ~~(d) If the clerk performs fewer units in the fourth~~
643 ~~quarter than estimated by the corporation, the corporation shall~~
644 ~~decrease the first-quarter release for the clerk in the next~~

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645 ~~fiscal year by the amount of the difference between the~~
646 ~~estimated number of service units for the fourth quarter and the~~
647 ~~actual number of service units performed in that quarter times~~
648 ~~the approved unit cost.~~

649 ~~(c) The total of all releases to the clerks of court may~~
650 ~~not exceed the amount appropriated in the General Appropriations~~
651 ~~Act. If, during the year, the corporation determines that the~~
652 ~~projected releases of appropriations for service units will~~
653 ~~exceed the estimate used in the General Appropriations Act and~~
654 ~~result in statewide expenditures greater than the amount~~
655 ~~appropriated by law, the corporation shall reduce all service~~
656 ~~unit costs of all clerks by the amount necessary to ensure that~~
657 ~~service units are funded within the total amount appropriated to~~
658 ~~the clerks of court. If such action is necessary, the~~
659 ~~corporation shall notify the Legislative Budget Commission. If~~
660 ~~the Legislative Budget Commission objects to the adjustments,~~
661 ~~the Legislative Budget Commission shall adjust all service unit~~
662 ~~costs by the amount necessary to ensure that projected units of~~
663 ~~service are funded within the total amount appropriated to the~~
664 ~~clerks of court at its next scheduled meeting.~~

665 ~~(11) The corporation may submit proposed legislation to~~
666 ~~the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of~~
667 ~~the House of Representatives relating to the preparation of~~
668 ~~budget requests of the clerks of court.~~

669 Section 8. Section 28.365, Florida Statutes, is created to
670 read:

671 28.365 Procurement.—The clerks of the court and the
672 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation are subject to

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673 the procurement requirements and limitations of chapter 287 for
674 expenditures made pursuant to the budget provided for in ss.
675 28.35 and 28.36.

676 Section 9. Section 28.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to
677 read:

678 28.37 Fines, fees, service charges, and costs remitted to
679 the state.—

680 (1) Pursuant to s. 14(b), Art. V of the State
681 Constitution, selected salaries, costs, and expenses of the
682 state courts system and court-related functions shall be funded
683 from a portion of the revenues derived from statutory fines,
684 fees, service charges, and costs collected by the clerks of the
685 court.

686 (2) Beginning November 1, 2013, that portion of all fines,
687 fees, service charges, and costs collected by the clerks of the
688 court for the previous month that is in excess of one-twelfth of
689 the clerks' total budget for the performance of court-related
690 functions shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for
691 deposit into the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund. Such
692 collections do not include funding received for the operation of
693 the Title IV-D child support collections and disbursement
694 program. The clerk of the court shall remit the revenues
695 collected during the previous month due to the state on or
696 before the 10th day of each month.

697 (3) No later than January 25, 2015, and each January 25
698 thereafter for the previous county fiscal year, the clerks of
699 court, in consultation with the Florida Clerks of Court
700 Operations Corporation, shall remit to the Department of Revenue

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701 for deposit in the General Revenue Fund the cumulative excess of
702 all fines, fees, service charges, and costs retained by the
703 clerks of the court, plus any funds received by the clerks of
704 the court from the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund under s.
705 28.36(3), that exceed the amount needed to meet their authorized
706 budget amounts established under s. 28.35, and the Florida
707 Clerks of Court Operations Corporation shall remit to the
708 Department of Revenue for deposit in the General Revenue Fund
709 the cumulative excess of all fines, fees, service charges, and
710 costs retained in the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund. However,
711 if the official estimate for funds accruing to the Clerks of the
712 Court Trust Fund made by the Revenue Estimating Conference for
713 the current fiscal year or the next fiscal year included in the
714 estimate is less than the cumulative amount of authorized
715 budgets from the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund for the current
716 fiscal year, the Department of Revenue shall deposit the
717 difference in the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund rather than in
718 the General Revenue Fund.

719 (4) The Department of Revenue shall collect any funds that
720 the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation determines
721 upon investigation were due no later than January 20 but not
722 remitted to the department.

723 (5)-(2) Ten Except as otherwise provided in ss. 28.241 and
724 34.041, all court-related fines, fees, service charges, and
725 costs are considered state funds and shall be remitted by the
726 clerk to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Clerks
727 of the Court Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative
728 Commission. However, 10 percent of all court-related fines

729 collected by the clerk, except for penalties or fines
 730 distributed to counties or municipalities under s.
 731 316.0083(1)(b)3. or s. 318.18(15)(a), shall be deposited into
 732 the clerk's Public Records Modernization Trust Fund to be used
 733 exclusively for additional clerk court-related operational needs
 734 and program enhancements.

735 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 736 34.041, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (a) of that
 737 subsection is published, to read:

738 34.041 Filing fees.—

739 (1)(a) Filing fees are due at the time a party files a
 740 pleading to initiate a proceeding or files a pleading for
 741 relief. Reopen fees are due at the time a party files a pleading
 742 to reopen a proceeding if at least 90 days have elapsed since
 743 the filing of a final order or final judgment with the clerk. If
 744 a fee is not paid upon the filing of the pleading as required
 745 under this section, the clerk shall pursue collection of the fee
 746 pursuant to s. 28.246. Upon the institution of any civil action,
 747 suit, or proceeding in county court, the party shall pay the
 748 following filing fee, not to exceed:

- 749 1. For all claims less than \$100.....\$50.
- 750 2. For all claims of \$100 or more but not more than \$500\$75.
- 751 3. For all claims of more than \$500 but not more than
 752 \$2,500.....\$170.
- 753 4. For all claims of more than \$2,500.....\$295.
- 754 5. In addition, for all proceedings of garnishment,
 755 attachment, replevin, and distress.....\$85.
- 756 6. Notwithstanding subparagraphs 3. and 5., for all claims

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757 of not more than \$1,000 filed simultaneously with an action for
 758 replevin of property that is the subject of the claim.....\$125.
 759 7. For removal of tenant action.....\$180.

760
 761 The filing fee in subparagraph 6. is the total fee due under
 762 this paragraph for that type of filing, and no other filing fee
 763 under this paragraph may be assessed against such a filing.

764 (b) ~~The first \$80 of the filing fee collected under~~
 765 ~~subparagraph (a)4. shall be remitted to the Department of~~
 766 ~~Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund. The next \$15~~
 767 of the filing fee collected under subparagraph (a)4.7 and the
 768 first \$10 of the filing fee collected under subparagraph (a)7.7
 769 shall be deposited in the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund. By
 770 the 10th day of each month, the clerk shall submit that portion
 771 of the fees collected in the previous month that is in excess of
 772 one-twelfth of the clerk's total budget for the performance of
 773 court-related functions to the Department of Revenue for deposit
 774 into the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund. An additional filing
 775 fee of \$4 shall be paid to the clerk. The clerk shall transfer
 776 \$3.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Court
 777 Education Trust Fund and shall transfer 50 cents to the
 778 Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Clerks
 779 ~~of the Court~~ Trust Fund within the Department of Financial
 780 Services Justice Administrative Commission to fund clerk
 781 education provided by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
 782 Corporation. Postal charges incurred by the clerk of the county
 783 court in making service by mail on defendants or other parties
 784 shall be paid by the party at whose instance service is made.

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785 Except as provided in this section ~~herein~~, filing fees and
 786 service charges for performing duties of the clerk relating to
 787 the county court shall be as provided in ss. 28.24 and 28.241.
 788 Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~herein~~, all filing
 789 fees shall be retained as fee income of the office of the clerk
 790 of the circuit court ~~remitted to the Department of Revenue for~~
 791 ~~deposit into the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the~~
 792 ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~. Filing fees imposed by this
 793 section may not be added to any penalty imposed by chapter 316
 794 or chapter 318.

795 Section 11. Subsection (5) of section 43.16, Florida
 796 Statutes, is amended to read:

797 43.16 Justice Administrative Commission; membership,
 798 powers and duties.—

799 (5) The duties of the commission shall include, but not be
 800 limited to, the following:

801 (a) The maintenance of a central state office for
 802 administrative services and assistance when possible to and on
 803 behalf of the state attorneys and public defenders of Florida,
 804 the capital collateral regional counsel of Florida, the criminal
 805 conflict and civil regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem
 806 Program, ~~and the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.~~

807 (b) Each state attorney, public defender, and criminal
 808 conflict and civil regional counsel and, ~~the Guardian Ad Litem~~
 809 ~~Program, and the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation~~
 810 shall continue to prepare necessary budgets, vouchers that
 811 represent valid claims for reimbursement by the state for
 812 authorized expenses, and other things incidental to the proper

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813 administrative operation of the office, such as revenue
 814 transmittals to the Chief Financial Officer and automated
 815 systems plans, but will forward such items ~~same~~ to the
 816 commission for recording and submission to the proper state
 817 officer. However, when requested by a state attorney, a public
 818 defender, a criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, or the
 819 Guardian Ad Litem Program, the commission will either assist in
 820 the preparation of budget requests, voucher schedules, and other
 821 forms and reports or accomplish the entire project involved.

822 Section 12. Paragraph (x) of subsection (2) of section
 823 110.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

824 110.205 Career service; exemptions.—

825 (2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not
 826 covered by this part include the following:

827 (x) All officers and employees of the Justice
 828 Administrative Commission, Office of the State Attorney, Office
 829 of the Public Defender, regional offices of capital collateral
 830 counsel, offices of criminal conflict and civil regional
 831 counsel, and Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, including the
 832 circuit guardian ad litem programs ~~and the Florida Clerks of~~
 833 ~~Court Operations Corporation.~~

834 Section 13. Section 142.01, Florida Statutes, is amended
 835 to read:

836 142.01 Fine and forfeiture fund; disposition of revenue;
 837 clerk of the circuit court.—

838 (1) There shall be established by the clerk of the circuit
 839 court in each county of this state a separate fund to be known
 840 as the fine and forfeiture fund for use by the clerk of the

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841 circuit court in performing court-related functions. The fund
842 shall consist of the following:

843 (a) Fines and penalties pursuant to ss. 28.2402(2),
844 34.045(2), 316.193, 327.35, 327.72, 379.2203(1), and 775.083(1).

845 (b) That portion of civil penalties directed to this fund
846 pursuant to s. 318.21.

847 (c) Court costs pursuant to ss. 28.2402(1)(b),
848 34.045(1)(b), 318.14(10)(b), 318.18(11)(a), 327.73(9)(a) and
849 (11)(a), and 938.05(3).

850 (d) Proceeds from forfeited bail bonds, unclaimed bonds,
851 unclaimed moneys, or recognizances pursuant to ss. 321.05(4)(a),
852 379.2203(1), and 903.26(3)(a).

853 (e) Fines and forfeitures pursuant to s. 34.191.

854 (f) Filing fees received pursuant to ss. 28.241 and
855 34.041, unless the disposition of such fees is otherwise
856 required by law.

857 ~~(g)(f)~~ All other revenues received by the clerk as revenue
858 authorized by law to be retained by the clerk.

859 ~~(2) All revenues received by the clerk in the fine and~~
860 ~~forfeiture fund from court-related fees, fines, costs, and~~
861 ~~service charges are considered state funds and shall be remitted~~
862 ~~monthly to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Clerks~~
863 ~~of the Court Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative~~
864 ~~Commission.~~

865 ~~(2)(3)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, all
866 fines and forfeitures arising from operation of ~~the provisions~~
867 ~~of~~ s. 318.1215 shall be disbursed in accordance with that
868 section.

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869 Section 14. Section 213.131, Florida Statutes, is amended
 870 to read:

871 213.131 Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the
 872 Department of Revenue ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~.—The
 873 Clerks of the Court Trust Fund is created within the Department
 874 of Revenue ~~Justice Administrative Commission~~.

875 Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 215.22, Florida
 876 Statutes, is amended to read:

877 215.22 Certain income and certain trust funds exempt.—

878 (2) Moneys and income of a revenue nature shared with
 879 political subdivisions or received from taxes or fees authorized
 880 to be levied by any political subdivision, including moneys from
 881 service charges, fees, costs, and fines deposited into the
 882 Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue,
 883 shall be exempt from the deduction required by s. 215.20(1).

884 Section 16. Paragraph (qq) of subsection (1) of section
 885 216.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

886 216.011 Definitions.—

887 (1) For the purpose of fiscal affairs of the state,
 888 appropriations acts, legislative budgets, and approved budgets,
 889 each of the following terms has the meaning indicated:

890 (qq) "State agency" or "agency" means any official,
 891 officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or
 892 department of the executive branch of state government. For
 893 purposes of this chapter and chapter 215, "state agency" or
 894 "agency" includes, but is not limited to, state attorneys,
 895 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,
 896 capital collateral regional counsel, ~~the Florida Clerks of Court~~

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897 ~~Operations Corporation,~~ the Justice Administrative Commission,
898 the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and the Florida Public
899 Service Commission. Solely for the purposes of implementing s.
900 19(h), Art. III of the State Constitution, the terms "state
901 agency" or "agency" include the judicial branch.

902 Section 17. For the period of July 1, 2013, through
903 September 30, 2013, the authorized budget for the clerks of the
904 circuit court shall be \$110,845,078 and the authorized budget
905 for the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation shall be
906 \$405,412. The Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
907 shall determine budget amounts for the individual clerks for
908 that period. For the county fiscal year beginning October 1,
909 2013, and ending September 30, 2014, the authorized budget for
910 the clerks of the circuit court shall be \$443,380,312 and the
911 authorized budget for the Florida Clerks of Court Operations
912 Corporation shall be \$1,621,648. The Florida Clerks of Court
913 Operations Corporation shall determine budget amounts for the
914 individual clerks for that period.

915 Section 18. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
916 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
917 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
918 2013.