



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint Resolution increasing the Children's Waiting Room Fee from \$5 to \$7, to be collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from litigants in civil cases effective December 1, 2008.

- Lake County operates a children's waiting room known as Kids' Korner which is funded by a Children's Waiting Room Fee collected from litigants in civil cases.
- The fee has been at its current level of \$5 since December 1, 2005 due to statutory limitations.
- Recent legislation enacted by the General Assembly raises the upper limit of the Children's Waiting Room Fee from \$5 to \$10.
- Court Administration has reviewed the Kids' Korner budget and determined a \$2 increase from \$5 to \$7 is sufficient to meet the program's needs in FY09.

WHEREAS, Lake County operates a children's waiting room known as Kids' Korner to provide parents or guardians a safe location to leave their children while they are in court as a litigant or witness; and

WHEREAS, Kids' Korner is funded by a Children's Waiting Room Fee of \$5 collected from litigants in civil cases; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Waiting Room Fee has not been increased since December 1, 2005 due to statutory limitations; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 95-0980, effective September 22, 2008, raises the upper limit of the Children's Waiting Room Fee from \$5 to \$10; and

WHEREAS, Court Administration has reviewed the Kids' Korner budget and determined a \$2 increase from \$5 to \$7 is sufficient to meet the program's needs in FY09; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore recommended that the Children's Waiting Room Fee of \$5 be increased to \$7 effective December 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Children's Waiting Room Fee charged to litigants in civil cases be increased from \$5 to \$7, effective December 1, 2008.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on this 14th day of October, A.D., 2008.