



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Joint resolution increasing the Law Library fee from \$13 to \$20, to be collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from litigants in civil cases, effective January 1, 2016.

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Joint resolution increasing the Law Library fee from \$13 to \$20, to be collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from litigants in civil cases, effective January 1, 2016.

- Lake County currently assesses a Law Library fee of \$13 to litigants in all civil cases, and the maximum fee allowed by Public Act 96-0227 is \$21.
- The Law Library's Self Representation Center facilitates access to justice and effective court operations by providing services and resources for those who represent themselves in court.
- Center staff is often expert in finding the law, accustomed to making community service referrals, assist litigants in using tools and understanding the law.
- The Circuit Judges desire to expand services and resources available in the Center and to initiate programs that are responsive to the needs of self-represented litigants.
- The fee increase will generate approximately \$165,000 per year in new revenue, and would help support additional services and resources.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Lake County operates a Law Library funded by a Law Library Fee of \$13 collected from litigants in civil cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Library Fee has not been increased since December 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, PA 96-0227, states County Boards may authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to charge litigants in civil cases a county law library fee not to exceed \$21; and

**WHEREAS**, the Circuit Judges desire to expand the services provided by the Law Library's Self Representation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore recommended that the Law Library Fee of \$13 be increased to \$20 effective January 1, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Law Library Fee charged to litigants in civil cases be increased from \$13 to \$20, effective January 1, 2016.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on November 10, 2015.