

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 9

By: Senator Dowd

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 543 OF 1987 RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS LEVIED TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF MUNICIPAL COURTS IN MILLER COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 543 of 1987 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Every person who forfeits bond, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who is found guilty in any municipal court in Miller County of any traffic offense or criminal offense shall be assessed additional court costs in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) for traffic offenses and three dollars (\$3.00) for all other criminal offenses. The additional court costs collected in cases docketed and processed in the county division of the municipal court shall be deposited in the county general fund and the additional court costs collected in cases docketed and processed in the city division of the court shall be deposited in the city general fund."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that Act 543 of 1987 levies additional court costs to help defray the increased expenses of municipal courts which will result from the recent adoption of a constitutional amendment which increased the jurisdiction of municipal courts; that Act 543 is not clear regarding the disposition of the additional court costs levied in that Act; that this Act is designed to clearly specify the disposition to be made of such additional court costs and

should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

