

State of Arkansas  
87th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1872

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT BY  
CREDIT CARD FOR FINES, RESTITUTION, AND COSTS FOR  
CRIMINAL OFFENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL  
FUNDING FOR COUNTY JAILS; TO AUTHORIZE A LEVY TO  
DEFRAY THE COSTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT BY  
CREDIT CARD FOR FINES, RESTITUTION, AND  
COSTS FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES, TO PROVIDE  
FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTY JAILS,  
AND TO AUTHORIZE A LEVY TO DEFRAY THE  
COSTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-706 is amended to read as follows:  
16-13-706. Credit card payments.

(a) The court or the agency designated ~~pursuant to~~ under § 16-13-709  
may accept payment of fines and associated costs by an approved credit card.

(b)(1) The court or designated agency is authorized to enter into  
contracts with credit card companies and to pay those companies fees normally  
charged by those companies for allowing the court or designated agency to  
accept their credit cards in payment as authorized by subsection (a) of this  
section.

(2) ~~Where~~ If the offender pays fines by credit card, a service  
fee equal to the amount charged by the credit card issuer may be assessed and



1 collected in connection with payment and the total fine owed shall not be  
2 reduced by the service fee charged to the court or designated agency by the  
3 credit card company.