

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 593

Approved by the Governor April 7, 1993

Introduced by Lindsay, 9

AN ACT relating to county courts; to amend sections 24-514 and 24-515, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992; to change provisions relating to payment of costs and expenses of the county courts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 24-514, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992, be amended to read as follows:

~~24-514. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all salaries and expenses involved in operation of the county courts shall be paid by the State of Nebraska from funds appropriated therefor. Budget requests for each county court district shall be prepared and submitted to the Supreme Court which shall prepare and submit the budget request for the county court system. The Supreme Court, through members of its staff, shall provide assistance to the county judges in preparing their budget requests. The State of Nebraska shall pay, with funds appropriated to the Supreme Court, all salaries, benefits, and expenses related to the education and travel of judges and employees of the county courts. The state shall also pay, with funds appropriated to the Supreme Court, the following operational costs of the county courts:~~

- ~~(1) Computer hardware and software used for data processing;~~
- ~~(2) Computer hardware and software used for word processing if the costs are incurred on equipment owned by the state;~~
- ~~(3) Communication line costs arising from data and word processing pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section; and~~
- ~~(4) Tape recorders, microphones, and playback units used to create verbatim records of county court proceedings.~~

~~The county shall pay any county court expense not provided for in this section. All property purchased by the county as a county court expense before the effective date of this act or on or after the effective date of this act shall remain the property of the county.~~

Sec. 2. That section 24-515, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992, be amended to read as follows:

24-515. Each county shall be responsible for all costs involved in establishing, furnishing, and maintaining appropriate courtroom and office facilities for the county court at the county seat. On July 1, 1985, the courtroom and office facilities of a municipal court shall be transferred, by sale, lease, or other arrangement, from cities of the metropolitan or primary class to the county responsible pursuant to this

section for the establishing, furnishing, and maintaining of courtroom and office facilities for the county court at the county seat. Payments by a city and county on the bonded indebtedness on any facility constructed for joint use by a city and county shall continue in the same manner and in the same proportionate shares as payments made prior to July 1, 1985, subject to any sale, lease, or other arrangement pursuant to this section. All other property, equipment, books, and records of the municipal courts shall be transferred on July 1, 1985, to the county court. When a division of the county court is established at a location other than the county seat, the city or village in which such division is located shall be responsible for all costs involved in establishing, furnishing, and maintaining appropriate courtroom and office facilities for such division.

The Supreme Court shall prescribe minimum standards for all courtroom and office facilities. The Supreme Court may establish standards by class of county, based on population, caseload, and other pertinent factors. ~~The Supreme Court shall assume and include, as expenses pursuant to section 24-514, the costs of data processing and word processing hardware and software involved in operation of the county courts as long as the word processing costs borne by the Supreme Court are the costs arising from word processing services provided on equipment owned by the State of Nebraska.~~

Sec. 3. That original sections 24-514 and 24-515, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992, are repealed.