



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

#### LAW LIBRARY FEE DECREASE

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 50 LIBRARIES, Sec. 50.31 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 50-31. Established; persons authorized to use; fee on civil actions for support of library.**

(a) The County Board hereby establishes and shall maintain a County Law Library, including such branch law libraries as the County Board may deem necessary. The facilities of such library shall be freely available to all licensed Illinois attorneys, judges and other public officers of the County, and to all members of the public.

(b) The expense of establishing and maintaining such library shall be borne by the County. To defray such expense, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County shall charge and collect a County Law Library fee as set out in Section 32-1, such fee to be paid at the time of filing the first pleading, paper or other appearance filed by each party in all civil cases, but no additional fee shall be required if more than one party is represented in a single pleading, paper or other appearance.

(c) The Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County shall commence such charges and collections upon receipt of written notice from the President of the County Board that the County Board has acted to establish and maintain such a law library.

(d) Such fees shall be in addition to all other fees and charges of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County, and assessable as costs, and shall be remitted by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County monthly to the County Treasurer, and retained by the Treasurer in a special fund designated as the County Law Library Fund. Disbursements from such funds shall be by the Treasurer, on order of the County Board. The President of the County Board, with the advise and consent of the County Board, may appoint a Library Committee of not less than nine members, who, by majority vote, may recommend to the County Board as to disbursements of such fund and the operation of such library. Such orders shall be pre-audited and such funds shall be audited by the County Auditor, and report thereof rendered to the County Board.

(e) Fees shall not be charged in any criminal or quasi-criminal case, in any matter coming to the Clerk on change of venue, or in any proceeding to review the decision of any administrative officer, agency, or body.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 32 FEES, Sec. 32.1 Fee Schedule of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

#### CHAPTER 50 LIBRARIES

50-31(b)	County Law Library Fee	<del>21.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect on January 1, 2022.