

By Representative Meek

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; creating the
3 County Article V Trust Fund within the Office
4 of the State Courts Administrator; providing
5 for uses of moneys in the trust fund; providing
6 for future review and termination or
7 re-creation of the trust fund; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. County Article V Trust Fund.--

13 (1) The County Article V Trust Fund is hereby created,
14 to be administered by the Office of the State Courts
15 Administrator. Funds credited to the trust fund shall be used
16 to assist counties in offsetting the costs of operating the
17 state courts system, including, but not limited to,
18 court-appointed counsel in criminal cases, deposition costs in
19 criminal cases, expert witness fees, and court reporting and
20 witness fees.

21 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
22 contrary, any county having a population of less than 75,000
23 may use funds from the trust fund for construction,
24 renovation, or other capital improvements of courthouse
25 facilities.

26 (3)(a) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art.
27 III of the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless
28 terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2001.

29 (b) Prior to its scheduled termination, the trust fund
30 shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the County Article V Trust Fund within the Office of the State Courts Administrator, and provides for uses of moneys in the trust fund. Provides for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund.