

SENATE BILL No. 441

May 1, 2003, Introduced by Senator CROPSEY and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9948) by adding section 175.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 175. (1) The judicial technology improvement fund is
2 created in the state treasury. The money in the fund shall be
3 used as provided in this section.

4 (2) The state treasurer shall credit to the judicial
5 technology improvement fund deposits of proceeds from the
6 collection of revenue from court fees as provided in this act and
7 shall credit all income from investment credited to the fund by
8 the state treasurer. The state treasurer may invest money in the
9 fund in any manner authorized by law for the investment of state
10 money. However, an investment shall not interfere with any
11 apportionment, allocation, or payment of money as required by

1 this section. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund all
2 income earned as a result of an investment of money in the fund.
3 The unencumbered balance remaining in the fund at the end of a
4 fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the
5 general fund.

6 (3) The state court administrative office shall administer
7 the judicial technology improvement fund. Money from the fund
8 shall be expended for the development and ongoing support of a
9 statewide judicial information system. The supreme court and the
10 state court administrative office, working with the departments
11 of state police, corrections, information technology, and
12 secretary of state and with the prosecuting attorneys association
13 of Michigan, will develop a statewide telecommunications
14 infrastructure to integrate criminal justice information
15 systems. The judicial technology improvement fund shall also be
16 used to pursue technology innovations that will result in
17 enhanced public service and access to local trial courts. These
18 innovations will include, but not be limited to, electronic
19 filing, on-line payments of fines and fees, data warehousing, and
20 web-based instructions for completion of court documents.

21 (4) The state court administrative office shall be reimbursed
22 annually from the judicial technology improvement fund for all
23 reasonable costs associated with the administration of this
24 section, including judicial and staff training, on-site
25 management assistance, and software development and conversion.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect
27 October 1, 2003.