



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT RAISES FILING FEES FOR REVIEWING COURTS IN ILLINOIS**

For the first time in nearly 60 years, filing fees for reviewing courts in Illinois will increase effective January 1, 2015.

On August 12, 2013, Governor Pat Quinn signed into law Public Act 98-0324. Under the new law, fees collected by the Clerks of the Supreme and Appellate Courts will be set by Supreme Court Rule, rather than by statute.

In addition, rather than transferring the funds collected into the General Revenue Fund, these fees will be deposited into the newly-created "Supreme Court Special Purposes Fund." The new fund will be used to support the Supreme Court's commitment to e-business initiatives, including the streamlining and upgrading of the case management system in the courts of review.

As authorized by the new law, the Supreme Court has amended Rule 313 to provide that, unless excused by law, petitioners and appellants filing cases in the Supreme and Appellate Courts will pay a filing fee of \$50 instead of \$25. Respondents and appellees will see filing fees increase from \$15 to \$30.

The Supreme Court Clerk also collects fees for producing official certificates with seals, issuing new law licenses, and performing registration and renewal of registrations for businesses formed for the practice of law. Both the Supreme Court Clerk and the Appellate Court Clerks charge fees for copying of documents, opinions, and orders, although the availability of many such documents at [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov) has eliminated much of the demand for copying services. These fees have not been increased.

Filing fees in Illinois reviewing courts have not increased since 1957. Prior to the rule change, Illinois and Arkansas had the lowest filing fees in the country. The new fees remain well below the national average of \$181.

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