

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.2530 Deposit of fees in friend of the court fund; exception; appropriation by county board of commissioners; remitting sums collected to state; appropriation by legislature; remittance to law enforcement agency.**

Sec. 2530. (1) Except in any judicial circuit in which employees serving in the circuit court are employees of the state judicial council, the county treasurer shall deposit all fees collected under section 2529(1)(d) and 1/2 of the costs collected under sections 31, 32, and 44 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.631, 552.632, and 552.644 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, in a fund created for that purpose to be known as the friend of the court fund. The county treasurer shall create the friend of the court fund as an interest bearing account, and interest earned shall be credited to the account to be used as provided in this section.

(2) The county board of commissioners shall appropriate all sums in this fund and additionally shall annually appropriate from the county general fund an amount not less than the total amount appropriated for the office of the friend of the court in the county's last fiscal year ending before July 1, 1983, for the purpose of fulfilling the statutory obligations of the friend of the court as provided in the friend of the court act, Act No. 294 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.501 to 552.535 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.601 to 552.650 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Money transmitted to the county treasurer under section 31 of Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982 shall supplement and not supplant other money appropriated by the county for friend of the court functions as measured by amounts appropriated by the county for those functions in previous and current fiscal years.

(3) In a judicial circuit in which employees serving in the circuit court are employees of the state judicial council, the county treasurer shall remit all sums collected under section 2529(1)(d) and 1/2 of the costs collected under sections 31, 32, and 44 of Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982 to the state as provided in section 595(4). As provided in section 595(1), the legislature annually shall appropriate the amount received under this subsection for the purpose of fulfilling the statutory obligations of the friend of the court in the third judicial circuit as provided in Act No. 294 of the Public Acts of 1982 and Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982.

(4) The county treasurer shall remit 1/2 of the costs actually paid by a payer as ordered by the court under section 31, 32, or 44 of Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982 to the law enforcement agency that executes the bench warrant issued for the arrest of that payer.

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