CHAPTER 1111

FINES AND BAIL FORFEITURES H.F. 2457

AN ACT relating to the disposition of fines and forfeited bail for violations of county ordinances.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.236, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

a. May be charged and collected upon a simple notice of a fine not exceeding five dollars payable to the city clerk or clerk of the district court, if authorized by ordinance. No costs or other charges shall be assessed. One hundred percent of all All fines collected by a city pursuant to this paragraph shall be retained by the city and all fines collected by a county pursuant to this paragraph shall be retained by the county.

Sec. 2. Section 602.55, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, 1981 Session, chapter 49, section 13, is amended to read as follows:

Each month each judicial magistrate and district associate judge shall file with the clerk of the district court of the proper county a sworn, itemized statement, of all cases disposed of and all funds received and disbursed per case, and at least monthly shall remit to the clerk all funds received. The clerk shall provide adequate clerical assistance to judicial magistrates and district associate judges to carry out this section. The clerk shall remit ninety percent of all fines and forfeited bail received from a magistrate or district associate judge to the city that was the plaintiff in any action, shall remit to the city or county ninety percent of all fines and forfeited bail received for improper use of handicapped parking spaces in violation of section 601E.6, subsection 2, when the violations occurred within the city or the county when the violations occurred in the unincorporated area of the county, shall remit all fines and forfeited bail received from a magistrate or district associate judge for violation of a county ordinance except an ordinance relating to vehicle speed or weight restrictions, to the county treasurer of the county that was the plaintiff in any action for deposit in the general fund of the county, and shall provide that city or county with a statement showing the total number of such the cases, the total of all fines and forfeited bail collected and the total of all cases dismissed. However, if a county ordinance provides a penalty for a violation which is also penalized under state law, all fines and forfeited bail collected for the violation of that ordinance shall be deposited in the school fund. The clerk shall remit the remaining ten percent of city fines and forfeited bail to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund. The clerk shall remit to the treasurer of the county, for the benefit of the school fund, all other fines and forfeited bail received from a magistrate. All fees and costs for the filing of a complaint or information or upon forfeiture of bail received from a magistrate shall be remitted monthly by the clerk as follows: