

602.1302 State funding.

1. Except as otherwise provided by [sections 602.1303](#) and [602.8108](#) or other applicable law, the expenses of operating and maintaining the judicial branch shall be paid out of the general fund of the state from funds appropriated by the general assembly for the judicial branch. State funding shall be phased in as provided in [section 602.11101](#).

2. The supreme court may accept federal funds to be used in the operation of the judicial branch, but shall not expend any of these funds except pursuant to appropriation of the funds by the general assembly.

3. A revolving fund is created in the state treasury for the payment of jury and witness fees, mileage, costs related to summoning jurors by the judicial branch, costs and fees related to the management and payment of interpreters and translators in judicial branch legal proceedings and court-ordered programs, and attorney fees paid by the state public defender for counsel appointed pursuant to [section 600A.6A](#). The judicial branch shall deposit any reimbursements to the state for the payment of jury and witness fees, mileage fees, and interpreter or translator fees in the revolving fund. In each calendar quarter the judicial branch shall reimburse the state public defender for attorney fees paid pursuant to [section 600A.6B](#). Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), unencumbered and unobligated receipts in the revolving fund at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the general fund of the state. The judicial branch shall on or before February 1 file a financial accounting of the moneys in the revolving fund with the legislative services agency. The accounting shall include an estimate of disbursements from the revolving fund for the remainder of the fiscal year and for the next fiscal year.

4. The judicial branch shall reimburse counties for the costs of witness and mileage fees and for attorney fees paid pursuant to [section 232.141, subsection 1](#).

[83 Acts, ch 186, §1302, 10201; 85 Acts, ch 197, §11; 87 Acts, ch 152, §2; 95 Acts, ch 207, §23; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §46; 2002 Acts, ch 1175, §43; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2005 Acts, ch 107, §6, 14; 2005 Acts, ch 165, §2; 2014 Acts, ch 1141, §15; 2020 Acts, ch 1074, §23, 93; 2025 Acts, ch 158, §8](#)

Referred to in [§622A.3, 815.11](#)

Local court property devoted for use of judicial branch; [§602.11107](#)

Subsection 3 amended