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District Number	Yes	No
1. Pomush		
2. Bong		
3. Vacant		
4. Clark		
5. Baker		
6. Leino		
7. Glazman		
8. Raunio		
9. Jaques		
10. Peterson		
11. Vacant		
12. Lear		
13. Allen		
14. Ryan		
15. Hendrickson		
16. Luostari		
17. Liebaert		
18. Moen		
19. Long		
20. Borgeson		
21. Bergman		
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**RESOLUTION #39-21
RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Subject: Legislation to Provide an Increase in Criminal and Ordinance Violation Surcharge Supported

WHEREAS, county government implements a broad range of essential services, most of which are required by state law, and

WHEREAS, underfunded and unfunded state mandates are continually placing an increasing financial hardship on local property taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, as the portion of collected fees paid by counties to the state and retained by the county continues to be insufficient to keep pace with inflation and ever growing costs associated with the many mandated programs within the county court system, and

WHEREAS, the county's portion of the statutory clerk fees have not increased since at least 1991; traffic/forfeiture cases are set at \$20.00 and criminal court cases are set at \$163.00, while the clerk only retains \$9.99 of the total amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby supports legislation that would increase court costs in the amount of \$20.00 to be retained by the Clerk of Court for criminal and ordinance violations to align with a portion of the actual cost for courts to operate; this will ensure services implemented on behalf of the state at the circuit court level will more adequately provide resources and protect public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Douglas County constituents.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2021.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Lear, second Ryan, to adopt. Motion carried.