

CHAPTER 201**(SB 126)**

AN ACT relating to the payment of individual financial obligations to counties and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 64.840 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except for taxes collected on behalf of the state for which standard receipt forms had been supplied by the state prior to 1974, all county officials shall, upon the receipt of any fine, forfeiture, tax, or fee, prepare a receipt that meets the specifications of the state local finance officer, if the fine, forfeiture, tax, or fee is paid:
 - (a) In cash;
 - (b) By a party appearing in person to pay; or
 - (c) By check, credit card, or debit card account received through the mail, if the party includes an addressed, postage-paid return envelope and a request for receipt.
- (2) One (1) copy of the receipt shall be given to the person paying the fine, forfeiture, tax, or fee and one (1) copy shall be retained by the official for his own records. One (1) copy of the receipt shall be retained by the official to be placed with the daily bank deposit.
- (3) A county government may, but shall not be required to, accept payment of any fine, forfeiture, tax, or fee by debit or credit card account. If an individual chooses to pay a fine, forfeiture, tax, or fee by debit or credit card account, the county government ~~may~~~~shall~~ recover the transaction fee charged by the issuer of the account as part of and in addition to the original amount of the fine, forfeiture, tax, or fee.

Section 2. Whereas a large volume of the payments received for fines or taxes made by credit or debit card occur prior to the normal effective date of legislation and transaction fees are required to be included in the payment, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.

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