RESOLUTION NO. 96-LEG-01

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO ASSUME FULL
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STATE COURT SYSTEM;
AND ASSUME IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING
CONFLICT ATTORNEY FEES, EXPERT WITNESS FEES, AND STATE
ATTORNEY AND PUBLIC DEFENDER DEPOSITION COSTS.

WHEREAS, Article V of the state constitution was approved by a
majority of state voters in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Article V was sold to the voters in part as a means to reduce
local ad valorem taxes through state assumption of financial
responsibility for the court system; and

WHEREAS, full state funding has not occurred, and county governments
are bearing the financial burden; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County alone, over $40 million in local tax dollars
annually are made in support of the state courts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

The state of Florida should assume full financial responsibility for
the state court system and assume immediate responsibility for funding
conflict attorney fees, expert witness fees, and state attorneys' and
public defenders' deposition costs.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 19th day of March, 1996.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: County Chairman

DATE: MAR 19 1996

ATTEST: Martha O. Havill, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk