

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AT ITS MEETING

MAR 19 1996

NO. 96

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: Jean C. Bennett
County Chairman
MAR 19 1996

DATE: _____

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

BY: [Signature]
for Deputy Clerk

