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# Primary Election Costs

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## Private Acts of 1974 Chapter 341

**SECTION 1.** In counties of this state having populations of not less than 70,000 nor more than 100,000, according to the United States Census of Population of 1970, or any subsequent United States Census of Population, all expenses, including compensation of its employees and election officials, incurred by the county election commission or its members in the performance of their duties under this title in holding primary elections other than in connection with statewide or multi-county elections may be paid by the county primary board of the political party for which the primary is held. The county primary board of the party may prescribe and collect a filing fee for candidates in such primaries in a sum sufficient in the aggregate to cover all such costs, but a candidate who cannot pay such fee because he is indigent shall not be required to pay such fee as a condition of his candidacy.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the Quarterly County Court of any county to which it may apply. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of such court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 3.** For the purpose of approving this act as provided in Section 2, it shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall be effective upon being approved as provided in Section 2.

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