

## Appendix I. Illinois Statutory Task Force Checklist

### Recommended Checklist for Review of New Assessment Legislation

- Ensure that the new assessment's location in statute is consistent.
  - Prior to reform, fees were distributed throughout multiple acts of ILCS. Going forward, they should be located in a single Act.
- Ensure that all modification to assessments advanced in a legislative session have consistent effective dates.
  - Clerks have experienced difficulty implementing multiple new fees at different points in a year. Any legislation enacted in a session should have the same effective date.
- Ensure that the new statute clearly describes assessment distribution.
  - Statute should clearly lay out the entities and funds that are to receive the assessment and how it is to be collected.
- Ensure that the new statute clearly states the nature of offenses (in criminal schedules) or filings or other activities (in civil cases) applicable to an assessment.
- State clearly whether the new assessment impacts the total value of a schedule or whether it modifies distribution of the existing amount.

Statutory Court Fee Task Force. 2016. *Illinois Court Assessments: Findings and Recommendations for Addressing Barriers to Access to Justice and Additional Issues Associated with Fees and Other Court Costs in Civil, Criminal, and Traffic Proceedings.*