

LOCAL LAW NO. 12-1979
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law Authorizing a Petty Cash Fund for the Public Defender

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Local Law is to establish a "Defense Fund" as authorized by the County Law to provide for the payment in advance of audit expenses necessarily incurred by the Public Defender in the investigation and defense of criminal actions and proceedings in the County.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Petty Case Defense Fund" for use by the Public Defender. Said fund shall be a revolving cash fund in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the payment in advance of audit expenditures necessarily incurred in the defense of Criminal actions and proceedings by the Public Defender.

SECTION 3. All expenditures from the Petty Cash Defense Fund shall be subject to audit by the County Comptroller and the Director of Finance, who shall require adequate information concerning the claims and transactions for which expenditures were made. Information designated confidential by the Public Defender shall be available to the County Comptroller and the Director of Finance but shall not be made public, except by order of the County Legislature.

SECTION 4. The claimant and the Public Defender shall be jointly and severally liable for any item of expenditure for other than a lawful County purpose disallowed upon final audit.

SECTION 5. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Adopted by Legislature: 7/13/79
Approved by Executive: 7/27/79
Adopted as Local Law 12-79

R/C Vote: 23 Yes; 3 Absent