

RESOLUTION 97- 81

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE HONORABLE
LAWTON CHILES, TO SIGN HOUSE BILL 1319 BY MAY 29, 1997.**

WHEREAS, in 1972 the voters of Florida amended Article V of the State Constitution to create the State Courts System; and

WHEREAS, since 1972 the State has failed to fully fund its own courts; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of Article V costs are paid for by county governments; and

WHEREAS, Florida counties now spend more that \$550 million annually to fund the State Courts system; and

WHEREAS, County funds now used for the State Court system would be more appropriately spent on local services; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1319 is sponsored by a member of the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation, Representative John Thrasher; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1319, in conjunction with Senate Bill 902, provides State funding for some elements of the court system which are currently paid for by St. Johns County and other Florida counties; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1319, now on the Governor's desk, would directly help to reduce the financial burden that is placed upon Florida counties by the State Courts;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County asks the Honorable Lawton Chiles, Governor of the State of Florida, to sign House Bill 1319 into law on or before May 29, 1997

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 27th day of May, 1997.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

BY: 
Deputy Clerk