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To amend section 2947.23 of the Revised Code to 1
authorize courts to impose periods of community 2
service upon offenders who fail to pay judgments 3
for court costs relating to the criminal action. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2947.23 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 2947.23. (A) In all criminal cases, including violations 7
of ordinances, the judge or magistrate shall include in the 8
sentence the costs of prosecution and render a judgment against 9
the defendant for such costs. If a jury has been sworn at the 10
trial of a case, the fees of the jurors shall be included in the 11
costs, which shall be paid to the public treasury from which the 12
jurors were paid. 13

(B) If an offender fails to pay the judgment described in 14
division (A) of this section or fails to timely make payments 15
towards that judgment under a payment schedule approved by the 16
court, the court may order the offender to perform community 17
service in an amount of not more than forty hours per month until 18
the judgment is paid or until the court is satisfied that the 19

offender is in compliance with the approved payment schedule. 20
Ordering an offender to perform community service under this 21
division does not lessen the amount of the judgment and does not 22
preclude the state from taking any other action to execute the 23
judgment. 24

Section 2. That existing section 2947.23 of the Revised Code 25
is hereby repealed. 26