

1 other half are more or less split up but that is their  
2 system. But there is one brilliant fact in these systems  
3 of probate jurisdiction. Almost without exception the  
4 large cities of this country have their own separate  
5 probate court, although in many of these states you will  
6 find in the counties there are no separate probate courts.  
7 If you will examine further, you will find that the reason  
8 for this is that there is not enough business due to the  
9 population for a separate probate court. Therein lies  
10 some explanation of why in the majority of the large  
11 cities of this country, in spite of reformation and  
12 even in Illinois, Cook County, in which the City of  
13 Chicago is located, under its very recent judicial  
14 reformation has preserved a separate and a distinct probate  
15 court.

16 In all the counties of Illinois other than  
17 Cook County probate judges are now judges of the Circuit  
18 Court by virtue of the new judicial article to the  
19 Constitution of Illinois which became effective the 1st  
20 of January, 1964. Outside the City of Chicago, the  
21 probate functions have been assumed by the Circuit Courts.