

**COOK COUNTY**

**Judge to hear experts  
on juvenile center fate**

A federal court judge will hear testimony from experts next month about whether an independent authority should take over operations at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

At a hearing Thursday, U.S. District Judge John Nordberg reiterated questions about whether appointing a receiver would interfere with a bill pending in Springfield that would transfer control of the center from county commissioners to the chief judge of Cook County Circuit Court.

"The concern I have is too many cooks spoil the broth," Nordberg said.

Advocates pushing for a court receiver argued the proposed transfer legislation was too weak and too slow in coming.

The legislation would leave authority over purchasing and budgetary decisions with the County Board, according to attorneys with the American Civil Liberties Union. And the transfer could take months to go into effect, the attorneys said. They also argued that a receiver could help improve the center before any transfer.