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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:

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- 4 "Sec. 1. RCW 3.62.060 and 2007 c 46 s 3 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 Clerks of the district courts shall collect the following fees for 7 their official services:
- 8 (1) In any civil action commenced before or transferred to a 9 district court, the plaintiff shall, at the time of such commencement 10 or transfer, pay to such court a filing fee of forty-three dollars 11 plus any surcharge authorized by RCW 7.75.035. Any party filing a 12 counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim in such action shall
- 13 pay to the court a filing fee of forty-three dollars plus any 14 surcharge authorized by RCW 7.75.035. No party shall be compelled to
- 15 pay to the court any other fees or charges up to and including the
- 16 rendition of judgment in the action other than those listed.
- 17 (2) For issuing a writ of garnishment or other writ, or for filing 18 an attorney issued writ of garnishment, a fee of twelve dollars.
- 19 (3) For filing a supplemental proceeding a fee of twenty dollars.
- 20 (4) For demanding a jury in a civil case a fee of one hundred 21 twenty-five dollars to be paid by the person demanding a jury.
- 22 (5) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of twenty 23 dollars.
- 24 (6) For certifying any document on file or of record in the 25 clerk's office a fee of five dollars.
- 26 (7) At the option of the district court:

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- 1 (a) For preparing a certified copy of an instrument on file or of
- 2 record in the clerk's office, for the first page or portion of the
- 3 first page, a fee of five dollars, and for each additional page or
- 4 portion of a page, a fee of one dollar;
- 5 (b) For authenticating or exemplifying an instrument, a fee of two
- 6 dollars for each additional seal affixed;
- 7 (c) For preparing a copy of an instrument on file or of record in
- 8 the clerk's office without a seal, a fee of fifty cents per page;
- 9 (d) When copying a document without a seal or file that is in an
- 10 electronic format, a fee of twenty-five cents per page;
- (e) For copies made on a compact disc, an additional fee of twenty
- 12 dollars for each compact disc.
- 13 (8) For preparing the record of a case for appeal to superior
- 14 court a fee of forty dollars including any costs of tape duplication
- 15 as governed by the rules of appeal for courts of limited jurisdiction
- 16 (RALJ).
- 17 $((\frac{(8)}{(9)}))$ (9) At the option of the district court, for clerk's
- 18 services such as processing ex parte orders, performing historical
- 19 searches, compiling statistical reports, and conducting exceptional
- 20 record searches, a fee not to exceed twenty dollars per hour or
- 21 portion of an hour.
- 22 (10) For duplication of part or all of the electronic recording of
- 23 a proceeding ten dollars per tape or other electronic storage medium.
- $((\frac{9}{1}))$ (11) For filing any abstract of judgment or transcript of
- 25 judgment from a municipal court or municipal department of a district
- 26 court organized under the laws of this state a fee of forty-three
- 27 dollars.
- 28 (12) At the option of the district court, a service fee of up to
- 29 three dollars for the first page and one dollar for each additional
- 30 page for receiving faxed documents, pursuant to Washington state rules
- 31 of court, general rule 17.
- 32 The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed as
- 33 court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded."

 $\underline{\textbf{EFFECT:}}$ Clarifies that the district court has the discretion to charge the newly created fees.

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