
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6608

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1 AN ACT Relating to judicial stabilization trust account surcharges;
2 and amending RCW 3.62.060, 36.18.018, and 36.18.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.62.060 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 44 s 4 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Clerks of the district courts shall collect the following fees
7 for their official services:

8 (a) 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 plus
11 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 surcharge
14 authorized by RCW 7.75.035. No party shall be compelled to pay to the
15 court any other fees or charges up to and including the rendition of
16 judgment in the action other than those listed.

17 (b) 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 (c) For filing a supplemental proceeding a fee of twenty dollars.

1 (d) For demanding a jury in a civil case a fee of one hundred
2 twenty-five dollars to be paid by the person demanding a jury.

3 (e) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of twenty
4 dollars.

5 (f) For certifying any document on file or of record in the clerk's
6 office a fee of five dollars.

7 (g) At the option of the district court:

8 (i) For preparing a certified copy of an instrument on file or of
9 record in the clerk's office, for the first page or portion of the
10 first page, a fee of five dollars, and for each additional page or
11 portion of a page, a fee of one dollar;

12 (ii) For authenticating or exemplifying an instrument, a fee of two
13 dollars for each additional seal affixed;

14 (iii) For preparing a copy of an instrument on file or of record in
15 the clerk's office without a seal, a fee of fifty cents per page;

16 (iv) When copying a document without a seal or file that is in an
17 electronic format, a fee of twenty-five cents per page;

18 (v) For copies made on a compact disc, an additional fee of twenty
19 dollars for each compact disc.

20 (h) For preparing the record of a case for appeal to superior court
21 a fee of forty dollars including any costs of tape duplication as
22 governed by the rules of appeal for courts of limited jurisdiction
23 (RALJ).

24 (i) At the option of the district court, for clerk's services such
25 as processing ex parte orders, performing historical searches,
26 compiling statistical reports, and conducting exceptional record
27 searches, a fee not to exceed twenty dollars per hour or portion of an
28 hour.

29 (j) For duplication of part or all of the electronic recording of
30 a proceeding ten dollars per tape or other electronic storage medium.

31 (k) For filing any abstract of judgment or transcript of judgment
32 from a municipal court or municipal department of a district court
33 organized under the laws of this state a fee of forty-three dollars.

34 (l) At the option of the district court, a service fee of up to
35 three dollars for the first page and one dollar for each additional
36 page for receiving faxed documents, pursuant to Washington state rules
37 of court, general rule 17.

1 (2)(a) Until July 1, 2013, in addition to the fees required to be
2 collected under this section, clerks of the district courts must
3 collect a surcharge of (~~twenty~~) thirty dollars on all fees required
4 to be collected under subsection (1)(a) of this section.

5 (b) Seventy-five percent of each surcharge collected under this
6 subsection (2) must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in
7 the judicial stabilization trust account.

8 (c) Twenty-five percent of each surcharge collected under this
9 subsection (2) must be retained by the county.

10 (3) The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed
11 as court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.18.018 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 44 s 3 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) State revenue collected by county clerks under subsection (2)
15 of this section must be transmitted to the appropriate state court.
16 The administrative office of the courts shall retain fees collected
17 under subsection (3) of this section.

18 (2) For appellate review under RAP 5.1(b), two hundred fifty
19 dollars must be charged.

20 (3) For all copies and reports produced by the administrative
21 office of the courts as permitted under RCW 2.68.020 and supreme court
22 policy, a variable fee must be charged.

23 (4) Until July 1, 2013, in addition to the fee established under
24 subsection (2) of this section, a surcharge of (~~thirty~~) forty dollars
25 is established for appellate review. The county clerk shall transmit
26 seventy-five percent of this surcharge to the state treasurer for
27 deposit in the judicial stabilization trust account and twenty-five
28 percent must be retained by the county.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.18.020 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 44 s 5 are each amended
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) Revenue collected under this section is subject to division
32 with the state under RCW 36.18.025 and with the county or regional law
33 library fund under RCW 27.24.070, except as provided in subsection (5)
34 of this section.

35 (2) Clerks of superior courts shall collect the following fees for
36 their official services:

1 (a) In addition to any other fee required by law, the party filing
2 the first or initial document in any civil action, including, but not
3 limited to an action for restitution, adoption, or change of name, and
4 any party filing a counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim in
5 any such civil action, shall pay, at the time the document is filed, a
6 fee of two hundred dollars except, in an unlawful detainer action under
7 chapter 59.18 or 59.20 RCW for which the plaintiff shall pay a case
8 initiating filing fee of forty-five dollars, or in proceedings filed
9 under RCW 28A.225.030 alleging a violation of the compulsory attendance
10 laws where the petitioner shall not pay a filing fee. The forty-five
11 dollar filing fee under this subsection for an unlawful detainer action
12 shall not include an order to show cause or any other order or judgment
13 except a default order or default judgment in an unlawful detainer
14 action.

15 (b) Any party, except a defendant in a criminal case, filing the
16 first or initial document on an appeal from a court of limited
17 jurisdiction or any party on any civil appeal, shall pay, when the
18 document is filed, a fee of two hundred dollars.

19 (c) For filing of a petition for judicial review as required under
20 RCW 34.05.514 a filing fee of two hundred dollars.

21 (d) For filing of a petition for unlawful harassment under RCW
22 10.14.040 a filing fee of fifty-three dollars.

23 (e) For filing the notice of debt due for the compensation of a
24 crime victim under RCW 7.68.120(2)(a) a fee of two hundred dollars.

25 (f) In probate proceedings, the party instituting such proceedings,
26 shall pay at the time of filing the first document therein, a fee of
27 two hundred dollars.

28 (g) For filing any petition to contest a will admitted to probate
29 or a petition to admit a will which has been rejected, or a petition
30 objecting to a written agreement or memorandum as provided in RCW
31 11.96A.220, there shall be paid a fee of two hundred dollars.

32 (h) Upon conviction or plea of guilty, upon failure to prosecute an
33 appeal from a court of limited jurisdiction as provided by law, or upon
34 affirmance of a conviction by a court of limited jurisdiction, a
35 defendant in a criminal case shall be liable for a fee of two hundred
36 dollars.

37 (i) With the exception of demands for jury hereafter made and
38 garnishments hereafter issued, civil actions and probate proceedings

1 filed prior to midnight, July 1, 1972, shall be completed and governed
2 by the fee schedule in effect as of January 1, 1972. However, no fee
3 shall be assessed if an order of dismissal on the clerk's record be
4 filed as provided by rule of the supreme court.

5 (3) No fee shall be collected when a petition for relinquishment of
6 parental rights is filed pursuant to RCW 26.33.080 or for forms and
7 instructional brochures provided under RCW 26.50.030.

8 (4) No fee shall be collected when an abstract of judgment is filed
9 by the county clerk of another county for the purposes of collection of
10 legal financial obligations.

11 (5)(a) Until July 1, 2013, in addition to the fees required to be
12 collected under this section, clerks of the superior courts must
13 collect surcharges as provided in this subsection (5) of which seventy-
14 five percent must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the
15 judicial stabilization trust account and twenty-five percent must be
16 retained by the county.

17 (b) On filing fees required to be collected under subsection (2)(b)
18 of this section, a surcharge of (~~twenty~~) thirty dollars must be
19 collected.

20 (c) On all filing fees required to be collected under this section,
21 except for fees required under subsection (2)(b), (d), and (h) of this
22 section, a surcharge of (~~thirty~~) forty dollars must be collected.

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