

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5277**

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DISTRICT COURT CLERK FEES

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BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5277** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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May 8, 2009

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Hatfield, Kline, and Delvin

Read first time 01/19/09. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1            AN ACT Relating to district court clerk fees; and amending RCW  
2            3.62.060.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.62.060 and 2007 c 46 s 3 are each amended to read as  
5            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 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           (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.

1 (4) 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 (5) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of twenty  
4 dollars.

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

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

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

14 (c) 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 (d) 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 (e) For copies made on a compact disc, an additional fee of twenty  
19 dollars for each compact disc.

20 (8) 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 ~~((+8))~~ (9) At the option of the district court, for clerk's  
25 services such as processing ex parte orders, performing historical  
26 searches, compiling statistical reports, and conducting exceptional  
27 record searches, a fee not to exceed twenty dollars per hour or portion  
28 of an hour.

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

31 ~~((+9))~~ (11) For filing any abstract of judgment or transcript of  
32 judgment from a municipal court or municipal department of a district  
33 court organized under the laws of this state a fee of forty-three  
34 dollars.

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

1       The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed as  
2 court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded.

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