

By Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to electronic filing of court and
3 other legal documents; requiring that a litigant in
4 the courts of this state, the Division of
5 Administrative Hearings, or the Office of the Judges
6 of Compensation Claims pay a specified surcharge in
7 addition to any other cost incurred for filing court
8 and other legal documents by means of paper documents
9 instead of electronically filing the documents;
10 providing an exception for a person who is indigent;
11 providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Electronic filing of court and other legal
16 documents; surcharge for nonelectronic filing.-

17 (1) A litigant who is required to electronically file a
18 court or other legal document in a court of this state, in the
19 Division of Administrative Hearings, or in the Office of the
20 Judges of Compensation Claims shall pay a surcharge in addition
21 to any other cost incurred if the litigant files a paper
22 document instead of electronically filing the document. The
23 surcharge shall equal 3.5 percent of the cost of filing the
24 document electronically.

25 (2) This section does not apply to a litigant who is
26 indigent as determined by s. 27.52, Florida Statutes.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.