

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to court service charges; amending s.
 3 28.24, F.S.; specifying the amount of charges for
 4 certain services rendered and noncourt records filed
 5 by the clerk of the circuit court; amending s. 28.241,
 6 F.S.; specifying the amount of service charges that
 7 must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund for
 8 filing certain appeals; amending s. 28.222, F.S.;
 9 requiring service charges to be distributed in a
 10 specified way; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsections (3), (4), (6), (8), (13), (14),
 15 (17), and (20) of section 28.24, Florida Statutes, are amended
 16 to read:

17 28.24 Service charges.—The clerk of the circuit court
 18 shall charge for services rendered manually or electronically by
 19 the clerk's office in recording documents and instruments and in
 20 performing other specified duties. These charges may not exceed
 21 those specified in this section, except as provided in s.
 22 28.345.

23 (3) (a) For certifying copies of any instrument that is a
 24 court record in the public records: 2.00, from which the clerk
 25 shall remit 0.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into

26 | the General Revenue Fund.

27 | (b) For certifying copies of any instrument that is not a
 28 | court record in the public records: 2.00.

29 | (4) (a) For verifying any instrument that is a court record
 30 | presented for certification prepared by someone other than the
 31 | clerk, per page: 3.50, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 per
 32 | page to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General
 33 | Revenue Fund.

34 | (b) For verifying any instrument that is not a court
 35 | record presented for certification prepared by someone other
 36 | than the clerk, per page: 3.50.

37 | (6) For making microfilm copies of any public records:

38 | (a) That are court records:

39 | 1. ~~(a)~~ 16 mm 100' microfilm roll: 42.00, from which the
 40 | clerk shall remit 4.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit
 41 | into the General Revenue Fund.

42 | 2. ~~(b)~~ 35 mm 100' microfilm roll: 60.00, from which the
 43 | clerk shall remit 7.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit
 44 | into the General Revenue Fund.

45 | 3. ~~(c)~~ Microfiche, per fiche: 3.50, from which the clerk
 46 | shall remit 0.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into
 47 | the General Revenue Fund.

48 | (b) That are not court records:

49 | 1. 16 mm 100' microfilm roll: 42.00

50 | 2. 35 mm 100' microfilm roll: 60.00

51 3. Microfiche, per fiche: 3.50.

52 (8) (a) For writing any paper that is a court record other
53 than a paper otherwise herein specifically mentioned in this
54 section, same as for copying, including signing and sealing:
55 7.00, from which the clerk shall remit 1.00 to the Department of
56 Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

57 (b) For writing any paper that is not a court record other
58 than a paper otherwise specifically mentioned in this section,
59 including signing and sealing: 7.00.

60 (13) (a) Oath, administering, attesting, and sealing ~~of~~ of
61 court records not otherwise provided for herein: 3.50, from
62 which the clerk shall remit 0.50 to the Department of Revenue
63 for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

64 (b) Oath, administering, attesting, and sealing of non-
65 court records not otherwise provided for herein: 3.50.

66 (14) (a) For validating certificates ~~or~~ or any authorized
67 bonds that are court records, each: 3.50, from which the clerk
68 shall remit 0.50 each to the Department of Revenue for deposit
69 into the General Revenue Fund.

70 (b) For validating certificates or any authorized bonds
71 that are not court records, each: 3.50.

72 (17) (a) For authenticated certificates, including the
73 signing and sealing of court records: 7.00, from which the clerk
74 shall remit 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into
75 the General Revenue Fund.

76 (b) For authenticated certificates, including the signing
 77 and sealing of noncourt records: 7.00.

78 (20) (a) For searching of court records, for each year's
 79 search: 2.00, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 for each
 80 year's search to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
 81 General Revenue Fund.

82 (b) For searching of noncourt records, for each year's
 83 search: 2.00.

84 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 28.241, Florida
 85 Statutes, is amended to read:

86 28.241 Filing fees for trial and appellate proceedings.—

87 (2) Upon the institution of any appellate proceeding from
 88 any lower court to the circuit court of any such county,
 89 including appeals filed by a county or municipality as provided
 90 in s. 34.041(5), or from the county or circuit court to an
 91 appellate court of the state, the clerk shall charge and collect
 92 from the party or parties instituting such appellate proceedings
 93 a filing fee not to exceed \$280, ~~from which the clerk shall~~
 94 ~~remit \$20 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the~~
 95 ~~General Revenue Fund,~~ for filing a notice of appeal from the
 96 county court to the circuit court. ~~and,~~ In addition to the
 97 filing fee required under s. 25.241 or s. 35.22, the clerk shall
 98 remit to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General
 99 Revenue Fund \$20 of the \$100 for filing a notice of appeal from
 100 the county or circuit court to the district court of appeal or

101 to the Supreme Court. If the party is determined to be indigent,
 102 the clerk shall defer payment of the fee otherwise required by
 103 this subsection.

104 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 28.222, Florida
 105 Statutes, is amended to read:

106 28.222 Clerk to be county recorder.—

107 (7) (a) All instruments recorded in the Official Records
 108 shall always be open to the public, under the supervision of the
 109 clerk, for the purpose of inspection thereof and of making
 110 extracts therefrom. ~~but~~

111 (b) The clerk shall not be required to perform any service
 112 in connection with such inspection or making of extracts without
 113 payment of service charges as provided in s. 28.24.

114 (c) The payment of the service charges under s. 28.24 must
 115 be retained by the clerk of the circuit court in his or her
 116 capacity as county recorder, except that service charges under
 117 s. 28.24 relating to court records or functions meeting the
 118 description of court-related functions in s. 28.35(3)(a), must
 119 be distributed for the specified functions.

120 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.