

By Senator Taddeo

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the electronic payment of  
3       governmental fees; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; requiring  
4       clerks of the circuit court to provide an electronic  
5       option for payment of court-related fines and other  
6       fees; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; requiring an agency  
7       subject to ch. 119, F.S., to provide an electronic  
8       option for payment of fees associated with a public  
9       records request; providing that the act fulfills an  
10      important state interest; 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. Subsection (7) is added to section 28.246,  
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16       28.246 Payment of court-related fines or other monetary  
17 penalties, fees, charges, and costs; partial payments;  
18 distribution of funds.—

19       (7) The clerk of the circuit court shall provide an  
20 electronic option for the payment of court-related fines and any  
21 other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs received by  
22 the clerk.

23       Section 2. Present subsections (5) through (8) of section  
24 119.07, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)  
25 through (9), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to  
26 that section, to read:

27       119.07 Inspection and copying of records; photographing  
28 public records; fees; exemptions.—

29       (5) An agency must provide an electronic option for the

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30 payment of any fee associated with a request to inspect or copy  
31 public records.

32 Section 3. The Legislature determines and declares that  
33 this act fulfills an important state interest.

34 Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.