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The Committee on Judiciary (Simon) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3), paragraph (a) of  
subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (9), paragraph (b)  
of subsection (11), paragraph (a) of subsection (14), paragraph  
(a) of subsection (15), subsection (17), paragraph (a) of  
subsection (18), subsection (19), paragraph (a) of subsection  
(20), paragraph (a) of subsection (21), and subsection (26) of  
section 28.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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

(2) For examining, comparing, correcting, verifying, and certifying transcripts of record in appellate proceedings, prepared by attorney for appellant or someone else other than clerk, per page: 6.00 ~~5.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 per page to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(3) For preparing, numbering, and indexing an original record of appellate proceedings, per instrument: 4.00 ~~3.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 per instrument to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(5)(a) For verifying any instrument presented for certification prepared by someone other than clerk, per page: 4.00 ~~3.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 per page to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(9)(a) For writing any paper that is a court record other than a paper otherwise specifically mentioned in this section, including signing and sealing: 8.00 ~~7.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(11) For receiving money into the registry of court:

(b) Eminent domain actions, per deposit: 200.00 ~~170.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 20.00 per deposit to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.



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(14) (a) Oath, administering, attesting, and sealing of court records not otherwise provided for in this section: 4.00 ~~3.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(15) (a) For validating certificates or any authorized bonds that are court records, each: 4.00 ~~3.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 each to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(17) For exemplified certificates, including the signing and sealing of them: 8.00 ~~7.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(18) (a) For authenticated certificates that are court records, including the signing and sealing of them: 8.00 ~~7.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(19) (a) For issuing and filing a subpoena for a witness, not otherwise provided for in this section, including the writing, preparing, signing, and sealing of it: 8.00 ~~7.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(b) For signing and sealing only: 3.00 ~~2.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(20) (a) For approving a court bond: 10.00 ~~8.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(21) (a) For searching court records, for each year's search: 3.00 ~~2.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 for



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each year's search to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(26) For sealing any court file or expungement of any record: 50.00 ~~42.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 4.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

Section 2. Paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (g) of subsection (1) of section 28.2401, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28.2401 Service charges and filing fees in probate matters.—

(1) Except when otherwise provided, the clerk may impose service charges or filing fees for the following services or filings, not to exceed the following amounts:

(a) Fee for the opening of any estate of one document or more, including, but not limited to, petitions and orders to approve settlement of minor's claims; to open a safe-deposit box; to enter rooms and places; for the determination of heirs, if not formal administration; and for a foreign guardian to manage property of a nonresident; but not to include issuance of letters or order of summary administration.....\$275 ~~\$230~~

(c) Fee for petition and order to admit foreign wills, authenticated copies, exemplified copies, or transcript to record..... \$275 ~~\$230~~

(d) Fee for disposition of personal property without administration.....\$275 ~~\$230~~

(g) Fee for formal administration, guardianship, ancillary, curatorship, or conservatorship proceedings.....\$470 ~~\$395~~

The clerk shall remit \$115 of each filing fee collected under



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paragraphs (a), (c)-(i), and (k) to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund.

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 28.241, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28.241 Filing fees for trial and appellate proceedings.—

(1) Filing fees are due at the time a party files a pleading to initiate a proceeding or files a pleading for relief. Reopen fees are due at the time a party files a pleading to reopen a proceeding if at least 90 days have elapsed since the filing of a final order or final judgment with the clerk. If a fee is not paid upon the filing of the pleading as required under this section, the clerk must ~~shall~~ pursue collection of the fee pursuant to s. 28.246.

(a)1.a. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph b. and subparagraph 2., the party instituting any civil action, suit, or proceeding in the circuit court must ~~shall~~ pay to the clerk of that court a filing fee of up to \$460 ~~\$395~~ in all cases in which there are not more than five defendants and an additional filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit \$0.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$200 in filing fees, \$195 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial



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Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

b. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or proceeding in the circuit court under chapter 39, chapter 61, chapter 741, chapter 742, chapter 747, chapter 752, or chapter 753 shall pay to the clerk of that court a filing fee of up to \$345 ~~\$295~~ in all cases in which there are not more than five defendants and an additional filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$100 in filing fees, \$95 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

c. An additional filing fee of \$5 ~~\$4~~ shall be paid to the clerk. The clerk shall remit \$3.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Court Education Trust Fund and shall remit \$1.50 ~~50 cents~~ to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund clerk education provided by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation. An additional filing fee of up to \$18 must ~~shall~~ be paid by the party seeking each severance that is granted, from which the clerk shall remit \$3 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.



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The clerk may impose an additional filing fee of up to \$85, from which the clerk shall remit \$10 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, for all proceedings of garnishment, attachment, replevin, and distress. Postal charges incurred by the clerk of the circuit court in making service by certified or registered mail on defendants or other parties must ~~shall~~ be paid by the party at whose instance service is made.

Additional fees, charges, or costs may not be added to the filing fees imposed under this section, except as authorized in this section or by general law.

2.a. Notwithstanding the fees prescribed in subparagraph 1., a party instituting a civil action in circuit court relating to real property or mortgage foreclosure must ~~shall~~ pay a graduated filing fee based on the value of the claim.

b. A party must ~~shall~~ estimate in writing the amount in controversy of the claim upon filing the action. For purposes of this subparagraph, the value of a mortgage foreclosure action is based upon the principal due on the note secured by the mortgage, plus interest owed on the note and any moneys advanced by the lender for property taxes, insurance, and other advances secured by the mortgage, at the time of filing the foreclosure. The value must ~~shall~~ also include the value of any tax certificates related to the property. In stating the value of a mortgage foreclosure claim, a party must ~~shall~~ declare in writing the total value of the claim, as well as the individual elements of the value as prescribed in this sub-subparagraph.

c. In its order providing for the final disposition of the matter, the court shall identify the actual value of the claim. The clerk must ~~shall~~ adjust the filing fee if there is a



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difference between the estimated amount in controversy and the actual value of the claim and collect any additional filing fee owed or provide a refund of excess filing fee paid.

d. The party must ~~shall~~ pay a filing fee of:

(I) Four hundred and seventy ~~Three hundred and ninety-five~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the claim is \$50,000 or less and in which there are not more than five defendants. The party must ~~shall~~ pay an additional filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$200 in filing fees, \$195 must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services;

(II) One thousand and seventy ~~Nine hundred~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the claim is more than \$50,000 but less than \$250,000 and in which there are not more than five defendants. The party must ~~shall~~ pay an additional filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$355 in filing fees, \$350 must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department



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of Financial Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services; or

(III) Two thousand two hundred and sixty ~~One thousand nine hundred~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the claim is \$250,000 or more and in which there are not more than five defendants. The party must ~~shall~~ pay an additional filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$1,705 in filing fees, \$930 must be remitted by the clerk to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$770 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

e. An additional filing fee of \$5 ~~\$4~~ ~~shall~~ be paid to the clerk. The clerk shall remit \$3.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Court Education Trust Fund and shall remit \$1.50 ~~50 cents~~ to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department



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of Financial Services to fund clerk education provided by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation. An additional filing fee of up to \$18 must ~~shall~~ be paid by the party seeking each severance that is granted. The clerk may impose an additional filing fee of up to \$85 for all proceedings of garnishment, attachment, replevin, and distress. Postal charges incurred by the clerk of the circuit court in making service by certified or registered mail on defendants or other parties must ~~shall~~ be paid by the party at whose instance service is made. Additional fees, charges, or costs may not be added to the filing fees imposed under this section, except as authorized in this section or by general law.

(b) A party reopening any civil action, suit, or proceeding in the circuit court must ~~shall~~ pay to the clerk of court a filing fee set by the clerk in an amount not to exceed \$60 ~~\$50~~. For purposes of this section, a case is reopened after all appeals have been exhausted or time to file an appeal from a final order or final judgment has expired. A reopen fee may be assessed by the clerk for any motion filed by any party at least 90 days after a final order or final judgment has been filed with the clerk in the initial case. A reservation of jurisdiction by a court does not cause a case to remain open for purposes of this section or exempt a party from paying a reopen fee. A party is exempt from paying the fee for any of the following:

1. A writ of garnishment;
2. A writ of replevin;
3. A distress writ;
4. A writ of attachment;



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5. A motion for rehearing filed within 10 days;

6. A motion for attorney's fees filed within 30 days after entry of a judgment or final order;

7. A motion for dismissal filed after a mediation agreement has been filed;

8. A disposition of personal property without administration;

9. Any probate case prior to the discharge of a personal representative;

10. Any guardianship pleading prior to discharge;

11. Any mental health pleading;

12. Motions to withdraw by attorneys;

13. Motions exclusively for the enforcement of child support orders;

14. A petition for credit of child support;

15. A Notice of Intent to Relocate and any order issuing as a result of an uncontested relocation;

16. Stipulations and motions to enforce stipulations;

17. Responsive pleadings;

18. Cases in which there is no initial filing fee; or

19. Motions for contempt.

(c)1. A party in addition to a party described in sub-subparagraph (a)1.a. who files a pleading in an original civil action in circuit court for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim, counterpetition, or third-party complaint must ~~shall~~ pay the clerk of court a fee of \$470 ~~\$395~~. A party in addition to a party described in sub-subparagraph (a)1.b. who files a pleading in an original civil action in circuit court for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim,



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counterpetition, or third-party complaint must ~~shall~~ pay the clerk of court a fee of \$350 ~~\$295~~. The clerk shall deposit the fee into the fine and forfeiture fund established pursuant to s. 142.01.

2. A party in addition to a party described in subparagraph (a)2. who files a pleading in an original civil action in circuit court for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim, counterpetition, or third-party complaint must ~~shall~~ pay the clerk of court a graduated fee of:

a. Four hundred and seventy ~~Three hundred and ninety-five~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the pleading is \$50,000 or less;

b. One thousand and seventy ~~Nine hundred~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the pleading is more than \$50,000 but less than \$250,000; or

c. Two thousand two hundred sixty ~~One thousand nine hundred~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the pleading is \$250,000 or more.

The clerk shall deposit the fees collected under this subparagraph into the fine and forfeiture fund established pursuant to s. 142.01.

(d) The clerk of court shall collect a service charge of \$15 ~~\$10~~ for issuing an original, a certified copy, or an electronic certified copy of a summons, which the clerk shall deposit into the fine and forfeiture fund established pursuant to s. 142.01. The clerk shall assess the fee against the party seeking to have the summons issued.

(2) Upon the institution of any appellate proceeding from



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any lower court to the circuit court of any such county, including appeals filed by a county or municipality as provided in s. 34.041(5), or from the county or circuit court to an appellate court of the state, the clerk shall charge and collect from the party or parties instituting such appellate proceedings a filing fee, as follows:

(a) For filing a notice of appeal from the county court to the circuit court, a filing fee not to exceed \$280.

(b) For filing a notice of appeal from the county or circuit court to the district court of appeal or to the Supreme Court, in addition to the filing fee required under s. 25.241 or s. 35.22, a filing fee not to exceed \$115 ~~\$100~~, of which the clerk shall remit \$20 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund. If the party is determined to be indigent, the clerk must ~~shall~~ defer payment of the fee otherwise required by this subsection.

Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 34.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

34.041 Filing fees.—

(1)(a) Filing fees are due at the time a party files a pleading to initiate a proceeding or files a pleading for relief. Reopen fees are due at the time a party files a pleading to reopen a proceeding if at least 90 days have elapsed since the filing of a final order or final judgment with the clerk. If a fee is not paid upon the filing of the pleading as required under this section, the clerk must ~~shall~~ pursue collection of the fee pursuant to s. 28.246. Upon the institution of any civil action, suit, or proceeding in county court, the party must



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~~shall~~ pay the following filing fee, not to exceed:

1. For all claims less than \$100 .....\$50.
2. For all claims of \$100 or more but not more than \$500  
.....\$75.
3. For all claims of more than \$500 but not more than  
\$2,500: \$170, from which the clerk shall remit \$20 to the  
Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.
4. For all claims of more than \$2,500 but not more than  
\$15,000.....\$295.
5. For all claims more than \$15,000 .....\$460 ~~\$395~~.
6. In addition, for all proceedings of garnishment,  
attachment, replevin, and distress: \$85, from which the clerk  
shall remit \$10 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into  
the General Revenue Fund.
7. Notwithstanding subparagraphs 3. and 6., for all claims  
of not more than \$1,000 filed simultaneously with an action for  
replevin of property that is the subject of the claim.....\$125.
8. For removal of tenant action.....\$180.

The filing fee in subparagraph 7. is the total fee due under  
this paragraph for that type of filing, and no other filing fee  
under this paragraph may be assessed against such a filing.

(b) The first \$15 of the filing fee collected under  
subparagraph (a)4. and the first \$10 of the filing fee collected  
under subparagraph (a)8. must ~~shall~~ be deposited in the State  
Courts Revenue Trust Fund. ~~By the 10th day of each month, the  
clerk shall submit that portion of the fees collected in the  
previous month which is in excess of one twelfth of the clerk's  
total budget for the performance of court-related functions to~~



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~~the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Clerks of the~~  
~~Court Trust Fund.~~ An additional filing fee of \$5 must ~~\$4 shall~~  
be paid to the clerk. The clerk shall transfer \$3.50 to the  
Department of Revenue for deposit into the Court Education Trust  
Fund and shall transfer \$1.50 ~~50 cents~~ to the Department of  
Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within  
the Department of Financial Services to fund clerk education  
provided by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.  
Postal charges incurred by the clerk of the county court in  
making service by mail on defendants or other parties must ~~shall~~  
be paid by the party at whose instance service is made. Except  
as provided in this section, filing fees and service charges for  
performing duties of the clerk relating to the county court are  
~~shall be~~ as provided in ss. 28.24 and 28.241. Except as  
otherwise provided in this section, all filing fees must ~~shall~~  
be retained as fee income of the office of the clerk of the  
circuit court. Filing fees imposed by this section may not be  
added to any penalty imposed by chapter 316 or chapter 318.

(d) The clerk of court shall collect a service charge of  
\$15 ~~\$10~~ for issuing a summons or an electronic certified copy of  
a summons, which the clerk shall deposit into the fine and  
forfeiture fund established pursuant to s. 142.01. The clerk  
shall assess the fee against the party seeking to have the  
summons issued.

(e) Of the first \$200 in filing fees payable under  
subparagraph (a)5., \$195 must be remitted to the Department of  
Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4  
must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into  
the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial



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Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services. ~~By the 10th day of each month, the clerk shall submit that portion of the filing fees collected pursuant to this subsection in the previous month which is in excess of one-twelfth of the clerk's total budget to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund.~~

(2) A party reopening any civil action, suit, or proceeding in the county court must ~~shall~~ pay to the clerk of court a filing fee set by the clerk in an amount not to exceed \$30 ~~\$25~~ for all claims of not more than \$500 and an amount not to exceed \$60 ~~\$50~~ for all claims of more than \$500. For purposes of this section, a case is reopened after all appeals have been exhausted, or time to file an appeal from a final order or final judgment has expired. A reopen fee may be assessed by the clerk for any motion filed by any party at least 90 days after a final order or final judgment has been filed with the clerk in the initial case. A reservation of jurisdiction by a court does not cause a case to remain open for purposes of this section or exempt a party from paying a reopen fee. A party is exempt from paying the fee for any of the following:

- (a) A writ of garnishment;
- (b) A writ of replevin;
- (c) A distress writ;
- (d) A writ of attachment;



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- 447 (e) A motion for rehearing filed within 10 days;  
448 (f) A motion for attorney's fees filed within 30 days of  
449 the entry of the judgment or final order;  
450 (g) A motion for dismissal filed after a mediation  
451 agreement has been filed;  
452 (h) A motion to withdraw by attorneys;  
453 (i) Stipulations and motions to enforce stipulations;  
454 (j) Responsive pleadings; or  
455 (k) Motions for contempt.

456 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
457 45.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458 45.035 Clerk's fees.—In addition to other fees or service  
459 charges authorized by law, the clerk shall receive service  
460 charges related to the judicial sales procedure set forth in ss.  
461 45.031-45.033 and this section:

462 (2) If there is a surplus resulting from the sale, the  
463 clerk may receive the following service charges, which shall be  
464 deducted from the surplus:

465 (b) The clerk is entitled to a service charge of \$20 ~~\$15~~  
466 for each disbursement of surplus proceeds, from which the clerk  
467 shall remit \$5 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
468 General Revenue Fund.

469 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 721.83, Florida  
470 Statutes, is amended to read:

471 721.83 Consolidation of judicial foreclosure actions.—

472 (3) A consolidated timeshare foreclosure action is ~~shall be~~  
473 considered a single action, suit, or proceeding for the payment  
474 of filing fees and service charges pursuant to general law. In  
475 addition to the payment of such filing fees and service charges,



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an additional filing fee of up to \$15 ~~\$10~~, from which the clerk shall remit \$5 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, for each timeshare interest joined in that action must ~~shall~~ be paid to the clerk of court.

Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 744.3678, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

744.3678 Annual accounting.—

(4) The guardian shall pay from the ward's estate to the clerk of the circuit court a fee based upon the following graduated fee schedule, upon the filing of the annual financial return, for the auditing of the return:

(a) For estates with a value of \$25,000 or less the clerk of the court may charge a fee of up to \$25 ~~\$20~~, from which the clerk shall remit \$5 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(b) For estates with a value of more than \$25,000 up to and including \$100,000 the clerk of the court may charge a fee of up to \$100 ~~\$85~~, from which the clerk shall remit \$10 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(c) For estates with a value of more than \$100,000 up to and including \$500,000 the clerk of the court may charge a fee of up to \$200 ~~\$170~~, from which the clerk shall remit \$20 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

(d) For estates with a value in excess of \$500,000 the clerk of the court may charge a fee of up to \$295 ~~\$250~~, from which the clerk shall remit \$25 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

Upon petition by the guardian, the court may waive the auditing



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fee upon a showing of insufficient funds in the ward's estate.  
Any guardian unable to pay the auditing fee may petition the  
court for a waiver of the fee. The court may waive the fee after  
it has reviewed the documentation filed by the guardian in  
support of the waiver.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to court fees; amending s. 28.24,  
F.S.; increasing the service charges a clerk of the  
circuit court charges for certain services rendered by  
the clerk's office; amending s. 28.2401, F.S.;  
increasing certain filing fees that may be charged by  
the clerk in probate matters; amending s. 28.241,  
F.S.; increasing certain filing fees and service  
charges in trial and appellate proceedings; amending  
s. 34.041, F.S.; increasing certain filing fees and  
service charges for civil actions, suits, or  
proceedings in county court; deleting provisions  
requiring clerks to submit portions of fees collected  
to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
Clerks of the Court Trust Fund; revising the  
distribution formula for additional filing fees;  
amending s. 45.035, F.S.; increasing the service  
charge the clerk is entitled to for disbursement of



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534 surplus proceeds for certain judicial sales  
535 procedures; amending s. 721.83, F.S.; increasing the  
536 filing fee for additional timeshare interests joining  
537 a consolidated timeshare foreclosure action; amending  
538 s. 744.3678, F.S.; increasing the fee a clerk of the  
539 circuit court may charge for auditing the return of a  
540 ward's estate; providing an effective date.