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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; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to prepare a certain report; requiring such report to be submitted to the Legislature within a specified time frame; amending s. 28.2401, F.S.; increasing certain filing fees and service charges that may be charged by the clerk in probate matters; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to prepare a certain report; requiring such report to be submitted to the Legislature within a specified time frame; amending s. 28.241, F.S.; increasing certain filing fees and service charges in trial and appellate proceedings; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to prepare a certain report; requiring such report to be submitted to the Legislature within a specified time frame; 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

26 Fund; revising the distribution formula for additional  
27 filing fees; requiring the Office of Economic and  
28 Demographic Research to prepare a certain report;  
29 requiring such report to be submitted to the  
30 Legislature within a specified time frame; amending s.  
31 45.035, F.S.; increasing the service charge the clerk  
32 is entitled to for disbursement of surplus proceeds  
33 for certain judicial sales procedures; requiring the  
34 Office of Economic and Demographic Research to prepare  
35 a certain report; requiring such report to be  
36 submitted to the Legislature within a specified time  
37 frame; amending s. 721.83, F.S.; increasing the filing  
38 fee for additional timeshare interests joining a  
39 consolidated timeshare foreclosure action; requiring  
40 the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to  
41 prepare a certain report; requiring such fees and  
42 charges to be rounded to a specified amount; requiring  
43 such report to be submitted to the Legislature within  
44 a specified time frame; amending s. 744.3678, F.S.;  
45 increasing the fee a clerk of the circuit court may  
46 charge for auditing of the return of ward's estate;  
47 requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic  
48 Research to prepare a certain report; requiring such  
49 report to be submitted to the Legislature within a  
50 specified time frame; providing an effective date.

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

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54       **Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3), paragraph (a) of**  
55 **subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (9), paragraph (b)**  
56 **of subsection (11), paragraph (a) of subsection (14), paragraph**  
57 **(a) of subsection (15), subsection (17), paragraph (a) of**  
58 **subsection (18), subsection (19), paragraph (a) of subsection**  
59 **(20), paragraph (a) of subsection (21), and subsection (26) of**  
60 **section 28.24, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection**  
61 **(30) is added to that section, to read:**

62       28.24 Service charges.—The clerk of the circuit court  
63 shall charge for services rendered manually or electronically by  
64 the clerk's office in recording documents and instruments and in  
65 performing other specified duties. These charges may not exceed  
66 those specified in this section, except as provided in s.

67       28.345.

68       (2) For examining, comparing, correcting, verifying, and  
69 certifying transcripts of record in appellate proceedings,  
70 prepared by attorney for appellant or someone else other than  
71 clerk, per page: 6.00 ~~5.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit  
72 0.50 per page to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
73 General Revenue Fund.

74       (3) For preparing, numbering, and indexing an original  
75 record of appellate proceedings, per instrument: 4.00 ~~3.50~~, from

76 which the clerk shall remit 0.50 per instrument to the  
77 Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

78 (5) (a) For verifying any instrument presented for  
79 certification prepared by someone other than clerk, per page:  
80 4.00 ~~3.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 per page to the  
81 Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

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

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

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

91 (14) (a) Oath, administering, attesting, and sealing of  
92 court records not otherwise provided for in this section: 4.00  
93 ~~3.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 to the Department of  
94 Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

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

99 (17) For exemplified certificates, including the signing  
100 and sealing of them: 8.00 ~~7.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit

101 1.00 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General  
102 Revenue Fund.

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

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

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

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

118 (21) (a) For searching court records, for each year's  
119 search: 3.00 ~~2.00~~, from which the clerk shall remit 0.50 for  
120 each year's search to the Department of Revenue for deposit into  
121 the General Revenue Fund.

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

126        (30) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
127        Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a  
128        report that includes recommendations for increasing the service  
129        charges in this section according to the percentage change in  
130        the Consumer Price Index. The service charges must be rounded to  
131        the nearest \$1. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research  
132        shall submit the report to the President of the Senate and the  
133        Speaker of the House of Representatives before the start of the  
134        next regularly scheduled session of the Legislature.

135        **Section 2. Paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (g) of subsection**  
136        **(1) of section 28.2401, Florida Statutes, are amended, and**  
137        **subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:**

138        28.2401 Service charges and filing fees in probate  
139        matters.—

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

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

150        (c) Fee for petition and order to admit foreign wills,

151       authenticated copies, exemplified copies, or transcript to  
152       record..... \$275 ~~\$230~~  
153               (d) Fee for disposition of personal property without  
154       administration..... \$275 ~~\$230~~  
155               (g) Fee for formal administration, guardianship,  
156       ancillary, curatorship, or conservatorship proceedings \$470 ~~\$395~~  
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158       The clerk shall remit \$115 of each filing fee collected under  
159       paragraphs (a), (c)-(i), and (k) to the Department of Revenue  
160       for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund.

161               (5) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
162       Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a  
163       report that includes recommendations for increasing the filing  
164       fees in this section according to the percentage change in the  
165       Consumer Price Index. The filing fees must be rounded to the  
166       nearest \$5. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research  
167       shall submit the report to the President of the Senate and the  
168       Speaker of the House of Representatives before the start of the  
169       next regularly scheduled session of the Legislature.

170               **Section 3. Present subsection (7) of section 28.241, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), a new subsection (7) is added to that section, and subsections (1) and (2) of that section are amended, to read:**

174       28.241 Filing fees for trial and appellate proceedings.—  
175               (1) Filing fees are due at the time a party files a

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

183 (a)1.a. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph b. and  
184 subparagraph 2., the party instituting any civil action, suit,  
185 or proceeding in the circuit court must ~~shall~~ pay to the clerk  
186 of that court a filing fee of up to \$460 ~~\$395~~ in all cases in  
187 which there are not more than five defendants and an additional  
188 filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~, from which the clerk shall remit  
189 \$0.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General  
190 Revenue Fund, for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first  
191 \$200 in filing fees, \$195 must be remitted to the Department of  
192 Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4  
193 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into  
194 the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
195 Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks  
196 of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must  
197 be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
198 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
199 Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related  
200 expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

201       b. The party instituting any civil action, suit, or  
202 proceeding in the circuit court under chapter 39, chapter 61,  
203 chapter 741, chapter 742, chapter 747, chapter 752, or chapter  
204 753 shall pay to the clerk of that court a filing fee of up to  
205 \$345 ~~\$295~~ in all cases in which there are not more than five  
206 defendants and an additional filing fee of up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for  
207 each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$100 in filing  
208 fees, \$95 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for  
209 deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 must be  
210 remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
211 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
212 Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks  
213 of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must  
214 be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
215 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
216 Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related  
217 expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

218       c. An additional filing fee of \$5 ~~\$4~~ shall be paid to the  
219 clerk. The clerk shall remit \$3.50 to the Department of Revenue  
220 for deposit into the Court Education Trust Fund and shall remit  
221 \$1.50 ~~50 cents~~ to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
222 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
223 Services to fund clerk education provided by the Florida Clerks  
224 of Court Operations Corporation. An additional filing fee of up  
225 to \$18 must ~~shall~~ be paid by the party seeking each severance

226 that is granted, from which the clerk shall remit \$3 to the  
227 Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.  
228 The clerk may impose an additional filing fee of up to \$85, from  
229 which the clerk shall remit \$10 to the Department of Revenue for  
230 deposit into the General Revenue Fund, for all proceedings of  
231 garnishment, attachment, replevin, and distress. Postal charges  
232 incurred by the clerk of the circuit court in making service by  
233 certified or registered mail on defendants or other parties must  
234 shall be paid by the party at whose instance service is made.  
235 Additional fees, charges, or costs may not be added to the  
236 filing fees imposed under this section, except as authorized in  
237 this section or by general law.

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

242 b. A party must shall estimate in writing the amount in  
243 controversy of the claim upon filing the action. For purposes of  
244 this subparagraph, the value of a mortgage foreclosure action is  
245 based upon the principal due on the note secured by the  
246 mortgage, plus interest owed on the note and any moneys advanced  
247 by the lender for property taxes, insurance, and other advances  
248 secured by the mortgage, at the time of filing the foreclosure.  
249 The value must shall also include the value of any tax  
250 certificates related to the property. In stating the value of a

251 mortgage foreclosure claim, a party must shall declare in  
252 writing the total value of the claim, as well as the individual  
253 elements of the value as prescribed in this sub-subparagraph.

254 c. In its order providing for the final disposition of the  
255 matter, the court shall identify the actual value of the claim.  
256 The clerk must shall adjust the filing fee if there is a  
257 difference between the estimated amount in controversy and the  
258 actual value of the claim and collect any additional filing fee  
259 owed or provide a refund of excess filing fee paid.

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

261 (I) Four hundred and seventy ~~Three hundred and ninety-five~~  
262 dollars in all cases in which the value of the claim is \$50,000  
263 or less and in which there are not more than five defendants.  
264 The party must shall pay an additional filing fee of up to \$5  
265 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the first \$200 in  
266 filing fees, \$195 must be remitted by the clerk to the  
267 Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund,  
268 \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit  
269 into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of  
270 Financial Services and used to fund the contract with the  
271 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s.  
272 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for  
273 deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department  
274 of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks'  
275 court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of

276 Financial Services;

277 (II) One thousand and seventy ~~Nine hundred~~ dollars in all

278 cases in which the value of the claim is more than \$50,000 but

279 less than \$250,000 and in which there are not more than five

280 defendants. The party must ~~shall~~ pay an additional filing fee of

281 up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the

282 first \$355 in filing fees, \$350 must be remitted by the clerk to

283 the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue

284 Fund, \$4 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for

285 deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department

286 of Financial Services and used to fund the contract with the

287 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation created in s.

288 28.35, and \$1 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for

289 deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department

290 of Financial Services to fund audits of individual clerks'

291 court-related expenditures conducted by the Department of

292 Financial Services; or

293 (III) Two thousand two hundred and sixty ~~One thousand nine~~

294 ~~hundred~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the claim is

295 \$250,000 or more and in which there are not more than five

296 defendants. The party must ~~shall~~ pay an additional filing fee of

297 up to \$5 ~~\$2.50~~ for each defendant in excess of five. Of the

298 first \$1,705 in filing fees, \$930 must be remitted by the clerk

299 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General

300 Revenue Fund, \$770 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue

301 for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4 must be  
302 remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
303 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
304 Services to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks of Court  
305 Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must be  
306 remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
307 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
308 Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related  
309 expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.

310 e. An additional filing fee of \$5 must ~~\$4 shall~~ be paid to  
311 the clerk. The clerk shall remit \$3.50 to the Department of  
312 Revenue for deposit into the Court Education Trust Fund and  
313 shall remit \$1.50 ~~50 cents~~ to the Department of Revenue for  
314 deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department  
315 of Financial Services to fund clerk education provided by the  
316 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation. An additional  
317 filing fee of up to \$18 must ~~shall~~ be paid by the party seeking  
318 each severance that is granted. The clerk may impose an  
319 additional filing fee of up to \$85 for all proceedings of  
320 garnishment, attachment, replevin, and distress. Postal charges  
321 incurred by the clerk of the circuit court in making service by  
322 certified or registered mail on defendants or other parties must  
323 ~~shall~~ be paid by the party at whose instance service is made.  
324 Additional fees, charges, or costs may not be added to the  
325 filing fees imposed under this section, except as authorized in

326 this section or by general law.

327 (b) A party reopening any civil action, suit, or  
328 proceeding in the circuit court must shall pay to the clerk of  
329 court a filing fee set by the clerk in an amount not to exceed  
330 \$60 \$50. For purposes of this section, a case is reopened after  
331 all appeals have been exhausted or time to file an appeal from a  
332 final order or final judgment has expired. A reopen fee may be  
333 assessed by the clerk for any motion filed by any party at least  
334 90 days after a final order or final judgment has been filed  
335 with the clerk in the initial case. A reservation of  
336 jurisdiction by a court does not cause a case to remain open for  
337 purposes of this section or exempt a party from paying a reopen  
338 fee. A party is exempt from paying the fee for any of the  
339 following:

- 340 1. A writ of garnishment;
- 341 2. A writ of replevin;
- 342 3. A distress writ;
- 343 4. A writ of attachment;
- 344 5. A motion for rehearing filed within 10 days;
- 345 6. A motion for attorney's fees filed within 30 days after  
346 entry of a judgment or final order;
- 347 7. A motion for dismissal filed after a mediation  
348 agreement has been filed;
- 349 8. A disposition of personal property without  
350 administration;

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

353       10. Any guardianship pleading prior to discharge;

354       11. Any mental health pleading;

355       12. Motions to withdraw by attorneys;

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

358       14. A petition for credit of child support;

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

361       16. Stipulations and motions to enforce stipulations;

362       17. Responsive pleadings;

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

364       19. Motions for contempt.

365       (c)1. A party in addition to a party described in sub-  
366 subparagraph (a)1.a. who files a pleading in an original civil  
367 action in circuit court for affirmative relief by cross-claim,  
368 counterclaim, counterpetition, or third-party complaint must  
369 ~~shall~~ pay the clerk of court a fee of \$470 ~~\$395~~. A party in  
370 addition to a party described in sub subparagraph (a)1.b. who  
371 files a pleading in an original civil action in circuit court  
372 for affirmative relief by cross-claim, counterclaim,  
373 counterpetition, or third-party complaint must ~~shall~~ pay the  
374 clerk of court a fee of \$350 ~~\$295~~. The clerk shall deposit the  
375 fee into the fine and forfeiture fund established pursuant to s.

376 142.01.

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

382 a. Four hundred and seventy ~~Three hundred and ninety-five~~ dollars in all cases in which the value of the pleading is  
383 \$50,000 or less;

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

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

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

395 (d) The clerk of court shall collect a service charge of  
396 ~~\$15~~ \$10 for issuing an original, a certified copy, or an  
397 electronic certified copy of a summons, which the clerk shall  
398 deposit into the fine and forfeiture fund established pursuant  
399 to s. 142.01. The clerk shall assess the fee against the party  
400 seeking to have the summons issued.

401       (2) Upon the institution of any appellate proceeding from  
402 any lower court to the circuit court of any such county,  
403 including appeals filed by a county or municipality as provided  
404 in s. 34.041(5), or from the county or circuit court to an  
405 appellate court of the state, the clerk shall charge and collect  
406 from the party or parties instituting such appellate proceedings  
407 a filing fee, as follows:

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

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

418       (7) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
419 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a  
420 report that includes recommendations for increasing the filing  
421 fees and service charges in this section according to the  
422 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. The filing fees  
423 and service charges must be rounded to the nearest \$5. The  
424 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall submit the  
425 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the

426 House of Representatives before the start of the next regularly  
427 scheduled session of the Legislature.

428 **Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) of subsection**  
429 **(1) and subsection (2) of section 34.041, Florida Statutes, are**  
430 **amended, and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:**

431 34.041 Filing fees.—

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

442 1. For all claims less than \$100.....\$50.  
443 2. For all claims of \$100 or more but not more than \$500  
444 \$75.

445 3. For all claims of more than \$500 but not more than  
446 \$2,500: \$170, from which the clerk shall remit \$20 to the  
447 Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

448 4. For all claims of more than \$2,500 but not more than  
449 \$15,000.....\$295.  
450 5. For all claims more than \$15,000.....\$460 \$395.

451        6. In addition, for all proceedings of garnishment,  
452 attachment, replevin, and distress: \$85, from which the clerk  
453 shall remit \$10 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into  
454 the General Revenue Fund.

455        7. Notwithstanding subparagraphs 3. and 6., for all claims  
456 of not more than \$1,000 filed simultaneously with an action for  
457 replevin of property that is the subject of the claim..\$125.

458        8. For removal of tenant action.....\$180.

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

463        (b) The first \$15 of the filing fee collected under  
464 subparagraph (a)4. and the first \$10 of the filing fee collected  
465 under subparagraph (a)8. must shall be deposited in the State  
466 Courts Revenue Trust Fund. ~~By the 10th day of each month, the~~  
467 ~~clerk shall submit that portion of the fees collected in the~~  
468 ~~previous month which is in excess of one-twelfth of the clerk's~~  
469 ~~total budget for the performance of court related functions to~~  
470 ~~the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Clerks of the~~  
471 ~~Court Trust Fund.~~ An additional filing fee of \$5 ~~\$4~~ shall  
472 be paid to the clerk. The clerk shall transfer \$3.50 to the  
473 Department of Revenue for deposit into the Court Education Trust  
474 Fund and shall transfer \$1.50 ~~50 cents~~ to the Department of  
475 Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund within

476 the Department of Financial Services to fund clerk education  
477 provided by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.  
478 Postal charges incurred by the clerk of the county court in  
479 making service by mail on defendants or other parties must shall  
480 be paid by the party at whose instance service is made. Except  
481 as provided in this section, filing fees and service charges for  
482 performing duties of the clerk relating to the county court are  
483 shall be as provided in ss. 28.24 and 28.241. Except as  
484 otherwise provided in this section, all filing fees must shall  
485 be retained as fee income of the office of the clerk of the  
486 circuit court. Filing fees imposed by this section may not be  
487 added to any penalty imposed by chapter 316 or chapter 318.

488 (d) The clerk of court shall collect a service charge of  
489 \$15 \$10 for issuing a summons or an electronic certified copy of  
490 a summons, which the clerk shall deposit into the fine and  
491 forfeiture fund established pursuant to s. 142.01. The clerk  
492 shall assess the fee against the party seeking to have the  
493 summons issued.

494 (e) Of the first \$200 in filing fees payable under  
495 subparagraph (a)5., \$195 must be remitted to the Department of  
496 Revenue for deposit into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund, \$4  
497 must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into  
498 the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
499 Services and used to fund the contract with the Florida Clerks  
500 of Court Operations Corporation created in s. 28.35, and \$1 must

501 be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
502 Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Financial  
503 Services to fund audits of individual clerks' court-related  
504 expenditures conducted by the Department of Financial Services.  
505 ~~By the 10th day of each month, the clerk shall submit that~~  
506 ~~portion of the filing fees collected pursuant to this subsection~~  
507 ~~in the previous month which is in excess of one-twelfth of the~~  
508 ~~clerk's total budget to the Department of Revenue for deposit~~  
509 ~~into the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund.~~

510 (2) A party reopening any civil action, suit, or  
511 proceeding in the county court ~~must~~ shall pay to the clerk of  
512 court a filing fee set by the clerk in an amount not to exceed  
513 ~~\$30~~ \$25 for all claims of not more than \$500 and an amount not  
514 to exceed ~~\$60~~ \$50 for all claims of more than \$500. For purposes  
515 of this section, a case is reopened after all appeals have been  
516 exhausted, or time to file an appeal from a final order or final  
517 judgment has expired. A reopen fee may be assessed by the clerk  
518 for any motion filed by any party at least 90 days after a final  
519 order or final judgment has been filed with the clerk in the  
520 initial case. A reservation of jurisdiction by a court does not  
521 cause a case to remain open for purposes of this section or  
522 exempt a party from paying a reopen fee. A party is exempt from  
523 paying the fee for any of the following:

524 (a) A writ of garnishment;  
525 (b) A writ of replevin;

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- (c) A distress writ;
- (d) A writ of attachment;
- (e) A motion for rehearing filed within 10 days;
- (f) A motion for attorney's fees filed within 30 days of the entry of the judgment or final order;
- (g) A motion for dismissal filed after a mediation agreement has been filed;
- (h) A motion to withdraw by attorneys;
- (i) Stipulations and motions to enforce stipulations;
- (j) Responsive pleadings; or
- (k) Motions for contempt.

(9) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a report that includes recommendations for increasing the filing fees and service charges in this section according to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. The filing fees and service charges must be rounded to the nearest \$5. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall submit the report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives before the start of the next regularly scheduled session of the Legislature.

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 45.035, Florida Statutes, is amended and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

45.035 Clerk's fees.—In addition to other fees or service

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551 charges authorized by law, the clerk shall receive service  
552 charges related to the judicial sales procedure set forth in ss.  
553 45.031-45.033 and this section:

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

557 (b) The clerk is entitled to a service charge of \$20 \$15  
558 for each disbursement of surplus proceeds, from which the clerk  
559 shall remit \$5 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the  
560 General Revenue Fund.

561 (4) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
562 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a  
563 report that includes recommendations for increasing the service  
564 charges in this section according to the percentage change in  
565 the Consumer Price Index. The service charges must be rounded to  
566 the nearest \$5. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research  
567 shall submit the report to the President of the Senate and the  
568 Speaker of the House of Representatives before the start of the  
569 next regularly scheduled session of the Legislature.

570 **Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 721.83, Florida  
571 Statutes, is amended to read:**

572 721.83 Consolidation of judicial foreclosure actions.—

573 (3) (a) A consolidated timeshare foreclosure action is  
574 shall be considered a single action, suit, or proceeding for the  
575 payment of filing fees and service charges pursuant to general

576 law. In addition to the payment of such filing fees and service  
577 charges, an additional filing fee of up to \$15 \$10, from which  
578 the clerk shall remit \$5 to the Department of Revenue for  
579 deposit into the General Revenue Fund, for each timeshare  
580 interest joined in that action must shall be paid to the clerk  
581 of court.

582 (b) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
583 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a  
584 report that includes recommendations for increasing the filing  
585 fees in this section according to the percentage change in the  
586 Consumer Price Index. The filing fees must be rounded to the  
587 nearest \$5. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research  
588 shall submit the report to the President of the Senate and the  
589 Speaker of the House of Representatives before the start of the  
590 next regularly scheduled session of the Legislature.

591 **Section 7. Present subsection (5) of section 744.3678, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), a new subsection (5) is added to that section, and subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:**

595 744.3678 Annual accounting.—

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

600 (a) For estates with a value of \$25,000 or less the clerk

601 of the court may charge a fee of up to \$25 \$20, from which the  
602 clerk shall remit \$5 to the Department of Revenue for deposit  
603 into the General Revenue Fund.

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

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

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

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

623 (5) By January 1, 2030, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
624 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall prepare a  
625 report that includes recommendations for increasing the fees in

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626 this section according to the percentage change in the Consumer  
627 Price Index. The fees must be rounded to the nearest \$5. The  
628 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall submit the  
629 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
630 House of Representatives before the start of the next regularly  
631 scheduled session of the Legislature.

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