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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to courts; authorizing county boards to set and impose court security
1.3 fee in civil and criminal matters; allotting fee for court security equipment and
1.4 personnel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 357.021, by adding a
1.5 subdivision.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 357.021, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 8. Court security fees. (a) The county board may establish a court security
1.10 fee and set the amount, not to exceed \$15, to be collected for civil and criminal matters,
1.11 including petty misdemeanor cases, in the district and conciliation courts of the county.
1.12 The fee shall be set on July 1 each year and remain in effect until changed. All court
1.13 security fees shall be published in the State Register.

1.14 (b) In each county that approves a court security fee, the court administrator shall
1.15 collect in each civil suit, action, or proceeding filed in the district and conciliation courts,
1.16 in the manner in which other fees are collected, a court security fee from:

1.17 (1) the plaintiff, petitioner, or other person instituting the suit, action, or proceeding
1.18 at the time of the filing of the first paper; and

1.19 (2) each defendant, respondent, intervenor, or other party who appears, either
1.20 separately or jointly, to be collected at the time of the filing of the first paper by
1.21 the defendant, respondent, intervenor, or other party, or at the time when the party's
1.22 appearance is entered in the case.

1.23 (c) In each county that approves a court security fee, the court shall impose and
1.24 the court administrator shall collect a court security fee on every person convicted of
1.25 any felony, gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or petty misdemeanor offense. When a

2.1 defendant is convicted of more than one offense in a case, the court security fee shall be
2.2 imposed only once in that case. The fee shall be imposed whether or not the person is
2.3 sentenced to imprisonment or the sentence is stayed. The fee shall not be imposed when a
2.4 person is convicted of a petty misdemeanor for which no fine is imposed or in cases in
2.5 which a fine is paid without a court appearance.

2.6 (d) The court security fee is a cost in the action and taxable as such, and is allotted
2.7 for the following security purposes:

2.8 (1) purchase, repair, upgrades, and maintenance of:

2.9 (i) x-ray machines and conveying systems;

2.10 (ii) handheld or walk-through metal detectors;

2.11 (iii) identification cards and systems;

2.12 (iv) electronic locking and surveillance equipment;

2.13 (v) computer systems and hardware;

2.14 (vi) security signage;

2.15 (vii) confiscated weapon inventory and tracking systems;

2.16 (viii) bullet-proof glass and bullet-resistant soft body armor;

2.17 (ix) locks, chains, alarms, or similar security devices; and

2.18 (x) any other security equipment approved by the county board; and

2.19 (2) personnel and training expenses related to court security.

2.20 (e) The court security fee shall be paid to the county treasurer or county auditor who
2.21 shall issue a receipt. The county treasurer or county auditor may disburse these funds at
2.22 the direction of the county board. Funds generated from the fee must not supplant existing
2.23 budgets for bailiffs or court facility operating expenses.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2012, and applies to civil
2.25 actions filed on or after that date and to offenses committed on or after that date.