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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to judiciary; prohibiting fees for viewing and downloading district court
1.3 documents made available online; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 357.021, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 357.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Fee amounts. The fees to be charged and collected by the court administrator
1.8 shall be as follows:

1.9 (1) In every civil action or proceeding in said court, including any case arising under
1.10 the tax laws of the state that could be transferred or appealed to the Tax Court, the plaintiff,
1.11 petitioner, or other moving party shall pay, when the first paper is filed for that party in said
1.12 action, a fee of \$285, except in marriage dissolution actions the fee is \$315.

1.13 The defendant or other adverse or intervening party, or any one or more of several
1.14 defendants or other adverse or intervening parties appearing separately from the others,
1.15 shall pay, when the first paper is filed for that party in said action, a fee of \$285, except in
1.16 marriage dissolution actions the fee is \$315. This subdivision does not apply to the filing
1.17 of an Application for Discharge of Judgment. Section 548.181 applies to an Application
1.18 for Discharge of Judgment.

1.19 The party requesting a trial by jury shall pay \$100.

1.20 The fees above stated shall be the full trial fee chargeable to said parties irrespective of
1.21 whether trial be to the court alone, to the court and jury, or disposed of without trial, and
1.22 shall include the entry of judgment in the action, but does not include copies or certified

2.1 copies of any papers so filed or proceedings under chapter 103E, except the provisions  
2.2 therein as to appeals.

2.3 (2) Certified copy of any instrument from a civil or criminal proceeding, \$14, and \$8  
2.4 for an uncertified copy, except that no fee is required to view or download an uncertified  
2.5 copy of any document available on an online platform for public access to district court  
2.6 records.

2.7 (3) Issuing a subpoena, \$16 for each name.

2.8 (4) Filing a motion or response to a motion in civil, family, excluding child support, and  
2.9 guardianship cases, \$75.

2.10 (5) Issuing an execution and filing the return thereof; issuing a writ of attachment,  
2.11 injunction, habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, or other writs not specifically  
2.12 mentioned, \$55.

2.13 (6) Issuing a transcript of judgment, or for filing and docketing a transcript of judgment  
2.14 from another court, \$40.

2.15 (7) Filing and entering a satisfaction of judgment, partial satisfaction, or assignment of  
2.16 judgment, \$5.

2.17 (8) Certificate as to existence or nonexistence of judgments docketed, \$5 for each name  
2.18 certified to.

2.19 (9) Filing and indexing trade name; or recording basic science certificate; or recording  
2.20 certificate of physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, veterinarians, or optometrists,  
2.21 \$5.

2.22 (10) For the filing of each partial, final, or annual account in all trusteeships, \$55.

2.23 (11) For the deposit of a will, \$27.

2.24 (12) For recording notary commission, \$20.

2.25 (13) Filing a motion or response to a motion for modification of child support, a fee of  
2.26 \$50.

2.27 (14) All other services required by law for which no fee is provided, such fee as compares  
2.28 favorably with those herein provided, or such as may be fixed by rule or order of the court.

2.29 (15) In addition to any other filing fees under this chapter, a surcharge in the amount of  
2.30 \$75 must be assessed in accordance with section 259.52, subdivision 14, for each adoption  
2.31 petition filed in district court to fund the fathers' adoption registry under section 259.52.

- 3.1 The fees in clauses (3) and (5) need not be paid by a public authority or the party the
- 3.2 public authority represents.