

CHAPTER 480

SUPREME COURT

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480.051 REGULATE PLEADING, PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE.

The supreme court of this state shall have the power to regulate the pleadings, practice, procedure, and the forms thereof in civil actions in all courts of this state, including the probate courts, by rules promulgated by it from time to time. Such rules shall not abridge, enlarge, or modify the substantive rights of any litigant.

History: 1987 c 377 s 5

480.15 POWERS AND DUTIES.

[For text of subs 1 to 11, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 12. The court administrator shall review plans submitted by a judicial district for office equipment under section 484.68, subdivision 3, clause (e), and shall determine eligibility for state funding or reimbursement for the equipment.

History: 1987 c 404 s 178

480.236 SOFTWARE SALES.

The supreme court may sell or license self-developed or vendor custom-developed computer software products or systems through whatever sales method the supreme court, in its discretion, deems appropriate, in order to offset its software development costs. Prices for the software products or systems may be based on market considerations. Proceeds of the sale or licensing of software products or systems by the supreme court must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a software sales account. Investment income and investment losses attributable to investment of the software sales account must be credited to the account. Money in the account is appropriated to the supreme court to operate and improve the trial court information system and other court information systems.

History: 1987 c 404 s 179

480.241 FILING FEE SURCHARGE IN CIVIL ACTIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Amount of surcharge; collection by court administrators.** A plaintiff, petitioner, defendant, respondent, intervenor or moving party in any district, county, or municipal court civil action or civil proceeding in which an initial filing fee is payable by that party, except a marriage dissolution or conciliation court action, shall pay to the court administrator of district or county court or court administrator of the municipal courts of Hennepin county or Ramsey county a surcharge of \$10 in addition to the initial filing fee otherwise prescribed. For such a civil action or civil proceeding commenced on and after July 1, 1987, the surcharge is \$20. A plaintiff, defendant, or moving party in any conciliation court action in which an initial filing fee is payable shall pay to the court administrator of conciliation court a surcharge of \$2 in addition to the initial filing fee otherwise prescribed. Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, no surcharge shall be paid by any governmental unit of the state of Minnesota, any local unit of government, or agency thereof, when the governmental unit, local government, or agency thereof is a party to any civil action or civil proceeding in the municipal courts of Hennepin or Ramsey counties, or in any county court.

Subd. 2. **Transmittal of surcharge to supreme court.** Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, all surcharges collected pursuant to subdivision 1 shall be

transmitted monthly by the district, county, and conciliation court court administrators and municipal court administrators to the supreme court for deposit in a legal services account in the special revenue fund. After June 30, 1989, two-thirds of the surcharge must be deposited in the legal services account in the special revenue fund and one-third must be deposited in the software sales account under section 480.236.

History: 1987 c 404 s 180

480.245 JUDICIAL FEE IN CIVIL ACTIONS AND CONCILIATION COURTS.

Subdivision 1. Amount of fee; collection by court administrators. A plaintiff, petitioner, defendant, respondent, intervenor, or moving party in a civil action or civil proceeding in which an initial filing fee is payable by that party, except a marriage dissolution or conciliation court action, shall pay to the court administrator a judicial fee of \$5 in addition to the civil surcharge and the initial filing fee otherwise prescribed under section 480.241. A plaintiff, defendant, or moving party in a conciliation court action in which an initial filing fee is payable shall pay to the court administrator a judicial fee of \$1 in addition to the civil surcharge and the initial filing fee otherwise prescribed. A fee need not be paid by a governmental unit of the state of Minnesota, a local unit of government, or an agency of those units, when the governmental unit, local government, or agency is a party to a civil action or civil proceeding.

Subd. 2. Transmittal of receipts. Fees collected under subdivision 1 must be paid to the state treasurer, deposited in the state treasury, and credited to the general fund.

History: 1987 c 404 s 181