HOUSE BILL NO. HB0198

Court automation fees-assessment on filings.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to courts; imposing a court automation per-
- 2 filing fee as specified; specifying distribution of per-
- 3 filing fees; making conforming amendments; authorizing
- 4 rulemaking; specifying applicability; and providing for an
- 5 effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-10-111 is created to read:

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11 6-10-111. Court automation filing fees.

- 13 The court shall impose a court automation filing fee of
- 14 twelve dollars (\$12.00) on a person for each filing in a
- 15 criminal case beginning with the person's seventh filing in
- 16 the criminal case. The fee assessed under this section

- 1 shall be in addition to any fees imposed under W.S.
- 2 6-10-102 and 6-10-103.

- 4 **Section 2.** W.S. 2-2-401 by creating a new subsection
- 5 (c) and by renumbering (c) as (d), 5-2-202, 5-3-205(a)(i),
- 6 5-3-206(a) by creating a new paragraph (xi), 5-9-135,
- 7 5-9-144 and 5-13-202 are amended to read:

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9 2-2-401. Schedule; additional charges.

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- 11 (c) In addition to the fees collected under
- 12 subsection (a) of this section, the clerk of district court
- 13 shall collect a court automation filing fee of twelve
- 14 dollars (\$12.00) from a person for each filing in the
- 15 probate matter beginning with the person's seventh filing
- 16 in the matter. Fees collected under this subsection shall
- 17 be deposited into the judicial systems automation account
- 18 established by W.S. 5-2-120.

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- (c)(d) Additional fees or charges may be assessed for
- 21 particular matters as ordered by the court.

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23 5-2-202. Collection of fees.

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2 The clerk of the supreme court shall collect the following 3 fees from the plaintiff in error or appellant, or in case 4 of an original proceeding the plaintiff or relator shall, at the time of filing the petition in error or record on 5 appeal or when commencing the cause in this court, the sum 6 of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). At the time of filing, 7 8 the clerk also shall collect a court automation fee in the 9 amount of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00), which shall be 10 deposited into the judicial systems automation account established by W.S. 5-2-120, and an indigent civil legal 11 services fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), which 12 13 shall be deposited into the indigent civil legal services account established by W.S. 5-2-121. In addition to the 14 fees charged under this section, the clerk shall also 15 16 collect a court automation filing fee of twelve dollars 17 (\$12.00) from a person for each filing in the appeal beginning with the person's seventh filing for the appeal, 18 19 and this fee shall be deposited into the judicial systems 20 automation account established by W.S. 5-2-120. Other fees 21 or charges to be assessed within the clerk's office are to 22 be determined under rules of the supreme court.

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5-3-205. Collection of fees in advance; payment to treasurer; liability for collection.

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- 4 (a) All fees prescribed by statute for civil
- 5 business, shall be collected in advance by the clerk and
- 6 except as otherwise provided in this section shall be paid
- 7 to the treasurer of the county at the end of each month.
- 8 The clerk shall be liable under his bond for the collection
- 9 and payment of such fees. The clerk shall remit:

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- 11 (i) The court automation fee prescribed by W.S.
- $12 \quad 2-2-401(a)(iii) \text{ and } (c), 5-3-206(a)(i), (vii), \frac{and}{and}(x) \text{ and } (c)$
- 13 (xi), 6-10-102 and 6-10-103 to the judicial systems
- 14 automation account established by W.S. 5-2-120 at the end
- 15 of each month;

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17 **5-3-206.** Fees.

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- 19 (a) For all civil matters filed or commenced, the
- 20 clerk of each district court shall charge the following
- 21 fees:

1 (xi) For each filing filed by a person in a 2 civil matter beginning with the person's seventh filing in 3 the civil matter, a court automation filing fee of twelve 4 dollars (\$12.00), which shall be remitted as provided by 5 W.S. 5-3-205. 6 7 5-9-135. Filing fees. 8 (a) For all civil matters the circuit court shall 9 10 collect from the plaintiff an original filing fee of twenty 11 dollars (\$20.00), a court automation fee of forty dollars 12 (\$40.00), and an indigent civil legal services fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) excluding small claims civil actions as 13 provided in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205 which shall have 14 a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). The court automation 15 16 fee shall be deposited into the judicial systems automation 17 account and the indigent civil legal services fee shall be deposited into the indigent civil legal services account as 18 19 provided by W.S. 5-9-144. 20

21 (b) In addition to the fees charged under subsection 22 (a) of this section, the circuit court shall, for each filing in a civil matter by a person beginning with the 23

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- 1 person's seventh filing in the civil matter, collect a
- 2 court automation filing fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00),
- 3 which shall be deposited into the judicial systems
- 4 automation account as provided by W.S. 5-9-144.

6 5-9-144. Receipts for money paid into court.

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8 When any money is paid into a circuit court, a receipt for 9 said amount shall be issued promptly upon a form prescribed 10 by the Wyoming supreme court. The receipts shall be

11 prenumbered in numerical sequence. The original copy shall 12 be delivered to a payor making payment by cash or in

13 person, otherwise the original shall be attached to the

14 court file. A copy shall be filed in the office of the

15 issuing judge. The receipts shall be prenumbered by the

16 printer, and the printer shall give to the supreme court a

17 receipt showing the numbers so printed. Except as provided

18 in W.S. 5-9-106, the circuit court shall pay all fines,

19 forfeitures and other penalties to the county treasurer and

20 all fees, costs and other receipts to the state treasurer.

21 The court automation $\frac{\text{fee}}{\text{fees}}$ prescribed by W.S. 5-9-135 or

22 established by court rule shall be deposited by the state

23 treasurer into the judicial systems automation account

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1 established by W.S. 5-2-120. The indigent civil legal

2 services fee prescribed by W.S. 5-9-135 shall be deposited

3 by the state treasurer into the indigent civil legal

4 services account established by W.S. 5-2-121. The police

officer continuing education and training fee prescribed by 5

W.S. 31-5-1201(h) shall be deposited by the state treasurer 6

into the account in the enterprise fund under W.S. 7

8 9-1-633(n).

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10 5-13-202. Collection of fees.

account established by W.S. 5-2-121.

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12 (a) The clerk of the chancery court shall collect all fees and charges as required and set by the supreme court 13 under W.S. 5-13-104(b). At the time of the original filing, 14 the clerk also shall collect a court automation fee in the 15 16 amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which shall be 17 deposited into the judicial systems automation account established by W.S. 5-2-120, and an indigent civil legal 18 19 services fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) which 20 shall be deposited into the indigent civil legal services

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1	(b) In addition to the fees charged under subsection
2	(a) of this section, the clerk of the chancery court shall,
3	for each filing in an action filed in the chancery court by
4	a person beginning with the person's seventh filing in the
5	action, collect a court automation filing fee of twelve
6	dollars (\$12.00), which shall be deposited into the
7	judicial systems automation account created by W.S.
8	<u>5-2-120.</u>
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10	Section 3. The supreme court and the judicial
11	conference of the district judges created by W.S.
12	5-3-102(b) may promulgate any rules necessary to implement
13	this act.
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15	Section 4. This act shall apply to all actions,
16	matters and cases commenced on and after the effective date
17	of this act.
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19	Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2024.
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