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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Introduced By: Representatives Felix, Knight, Batista, Craven, Potter, McEntee, Casey, Henries, Kazarian, and Morales

Date Introduced: February 15, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 9-29-1, 9-29-18 and 9-29-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 9-29
2 entitled "Fees" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **9-29-1. District court fees.**

4 (a) Every district court shall be allowed the following fees, in full, to be taxed in the bill of
5 costs in every civil action:

6 (1) For the entry of every small claim \$55.00.

7 (2) For the entry of every other action \$80.00.

8 (3) For every writ of execution\$20.00.

9 (b) In addition to the fees set forth herein, the district court shall apply a technology
10 surcharge assessed in accordance with § 8-15-11.

11 (c) Provided, that ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee for the entry of every
12 action in subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) or writ in subdivision (a)(3) shall be forwarded to Rhode Island
13 Legal Services.

14 **9-29-18. Superior court fees.**

15 (a) The superior court shall be allowed the following fees in full to be taxed in the bill of
16 costs in every civil action:

17 (1) For entry of every civil action or petition \$160.00.

18 (2) For every writ of execution \$50.00.

19 (3) For the issuance of every citation \$25.00.

1 (b) In addition to the fees set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the superior court shall
2 apply a technology surcharge on all filing fees assessed in accordance with § 8-15-11.

3 (c) Provided, that ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for the entry of
4 every civil action or petition shall be forwarded to Rhode Island Legal Services.

5 **9-29-19. Family court fees.**

6 (a) The family court shall be allowed the following fees in full to be taxed in the bill of
7 costs in every domestic relations or other civil proceeding:

8 (1) For the entry of every petition, complaint, or action \$120.00.

9 (2) For every writ of execution \$40.00.

10 (b) In addition to the fees as set forth herein, the family court shall apply a technology
11 surcharge fee assessed in accordance with § 8-15-11.

12 (c) Provided, that ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for the entry of
13 every petition, complaint or action shall be forwarded to Rhode Island Legal Services.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the amount forwarded to Rhode Island Legal Services from court
2 filing fees for the entry of every petition, complaint or action in district, superior and family court
3 from ten dollars (\$10) to twenty dollars (\$20).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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