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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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

Introduced By: Senators Bissaillon, Burke, Acosta, Mack, and Dimitri

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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~~ 75.00.

7           (2) For the entry of every other action ..... \$~~80.00~~ 100.00.

8           (3) For every writ of execution ..... \$~~20.00~~ 40.00.

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)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for the entry of  
12   every action in subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) or writ in subdivision (a)(3) shall be forwarded to Rhode  
13   Island 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~~ 180.00.

18           (2) For every writ of execution ..... \$~~50.00~~ 70.00.

19           (3) For the issuance of every citation ..... \$~~25.00~~ 40.00.

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~~ 130.00.

9 (2) For every writ of execution ..... ~~\$40.00~~ 50.00.

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, ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for the entry of every  
13 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 fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district
- 2   court, superior court and family court.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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