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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - FEES

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Barros, Solomon, Kislak, and Almeida

Date Introduced: February 05, 2020

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
5 of costs in every civil action:

- 6 (1) For the entry of every small claim ~~\$55.00~~ \$65.00.
- 7 (2) For the entry of every other action ~~\$80.00~~ \$90.00.
- 8 (3) For every writ of execution ~~\$20.00~~
- 9 \$30.00.

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

12 (c) Provided, that ~~five~~ fifteen dollars ~~(\$5.00)~~(\$15.00) of the fee for the entry of every
13 action in subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) or writ in subdivision (a)(3) shall be forwarded to Rhode
14 Island Legal Services.

15 **9-29-18. Superior court fees.**

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

- 18 (1) For entry of every civil action or petition ~~\$160.00~~ \$180.00
- 19 (2) For every writ of execution \$50.00

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

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

4 (c) Provided, that ~~ten~~ thirty dollars (~~\$10.00~~) (\$30.00) of the fee for the entry of every civil
5 action or petition shall be forwarded to Rhode Island Legal Services.

6 **9-29-19. Family court fees.**

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

9 (1) For the entry of every petition, complaint, or action ~~\$120.00~~ \$140.00

10 (2) For every writ of execution \$40.00

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

13 (c) Provided, that ~~ten~~ thirty dollars (~~\$10.00~~) (\$30.00) of the fee for the entry of every
14 petition, complaint or action shall be forwarded to Rhode Island Legal Services.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide for a fee increase for filing an action in district court, superior
2 court and family court.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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