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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Court automation fee-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts; increasing the court automation
2 fee as specified; making conforming amendments; specifying
3 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 2-2-401(a)(iii), 5-2-202, 5-3-
8 206(a)(i), (vii) and (x), 5-6-108(a)(i), 5-9-135, 5-13-202,
9 6-10-102 and 6-10-103 are amended to read:

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11 **2-2-401. Schedule; additional charges.**

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1 (a) For probate matters filed or commenced, the clerk
2 of the district court shall collect fees as follows:

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4 (iii) In addition to the original filing fee
5 under paragraph (a)(i) of this subsection, a court
6 automation fee in the amount of ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~
7 fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be deposited into the
8 judicial systems automation account established by W.S. 5-
9 2-120;

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11 **5-2-202. Collection of fees.**

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13 The clerk of the supreme court shall collect the following
14 fees from the plaintiff in error or appellant, or in case
15 of an original proceeding the plaintiff or relator shall,
16 at the time of filing the petition in error or record on
17 appeal or when commencing the cause in this court, the sum
18 of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). At the time of filing,
19 the clerk also shall collect a court automation fee in the
20 amount of ~~fifty five dollars (\$55.00)~~ sixty-five dollars
21 (\$65.00) which shall be deposited into the judicial systems
22 automation account established by W.S. 5-2-120, and an
23 indigent civil legal services fee in the amount of ten

1 dollars (\$10.00) which shall be deposited into the indigent
2 civil legal services account established by W.S. 5-2-121.
3 Other fees or charges to be assessed within the clerk's
4 office are to be determined under rules of the supreme
5 court.

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7 **5-3-206. Fees.**

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9 (a) For all civil matters filed or commenced, the
10 clerk of each district court shall charge the following
11 fees:

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13 (i) For filing instruments or documents in each
14 civil action and certifying one (1) copy of any order,
15 decree or judgment at the time of its filing for each
16 party, an original filing fee of ~~one hundred sixty dollars~~
17 ~~(\$160.00)~~ one hundred seventy dollars (\$170.00), which
18 shall be paid by the plaintiff. This fee shall apply to
19 original actions commenced and to actions that are reopened
20 after a final decree previously has been entered. ~~Forty~~
21 ~~dollars (\$40.00)~~ Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of the filing fee
22 shall be for court automation, ten dollars (\$10.00) shall

1 be for indigent civil legal services and both shall be
2 remitted as provided in W.S. 5-3-205;

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4 (vii) For all transcripts in cases appealed to
5 the supreme court, ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ one
6 hundred ten dollars (\$110.00), including certificates,
7 seals and transmission. ~~Forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ Fifty
8 dollars (\$50.00) of the fee under this paragraph shall be
9 for court automation, ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be for
10 indigent civil legal services and both shall be remitted as
11 provided in W.S. 5-3-205;

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13 (x) For docketing and in payment of clerk's fee
14 after docketing incident to any appeal or bill of exception
15 from a circuit court, ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ one
16 hundred ten dollars (\$110.00), and for docketing any
17 transcript of judgment from a circuit court upon the
18 judgment and execution dockets, ~~one hundred dollars~~
19 ~~(\$100.00)~~ one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00), which amount
20 shall be paid by appellant, or by judgment holder to the
21 clerk at time of docketing. ~~Forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ Fifty
22 dollars (\$50.00) of any fee imposed under this paragraph
23 shall be for court automation, ten dollars (\$10.00) shall

1 be for indigent civil legal services and both shall be
2 remitted as provided in W.S. 5-3-205.

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4 **5-6-108. Costs.**

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6 (a) Each city or town in the state of Wyoming may
7 prescribe by ordinance such costs in all trials before
8 municipal courts as may be necessary or deemed expedient.
9 However, the costs shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00).
10 All costs collected shall be turned into the treasury of
11 the city or town. By ordinance a city or town may
12 prescribe:

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14 (i) A court automation fee of ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~
15 fifty dollars (\$50.00) as a cost to be paid by every person
16 guilty of a violation of a city or town ordinance;

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18 **5-9-135. Filing fee.**

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20 For all civil matters the circuit court shall collect from
21 the plaintiff an original filing fee of twenty dollars
22 (\$20.00), a court automation fee of ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~
23 fifty dollars (\$50.00), and an indigent civil legal

1 services fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) excluding small claims
2 civil actions as provided in W.S. 1-21-201 through 1-21-205
3 which shall have a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). The
4 court automation fee shall be deposited into the judicial
5 systems automation account and the indigent civil legal
6 services fee shall be deposited into the indigent civil
7 legal services account as provided by W.S. 5-9-144.

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9 **5-13-202. Collection of fees.**

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11 The clerk of the chancery court shall collect all fees and
12 charges as required and set by the supreme court under W.S.
13 5-13-104(b). At the time of the original filing, the clerk
14 also shall collect a court automation fee in the amount of
15 ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ one hundred ten dollars
16 (\$110.00) which shall be deposited into the judicial
17 systems automation account established by W.S. 5-2-120, and
18 an indigent civil legal services fee in the amount of ten
19 dollars (\$10.00) which shall be deposited into the indigent
20 civil legal services account established by W.S. 5-2-121.

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1 **6-10-102. Imposition of fine for any felony; maximum**
2 **fine where not established by statute; court automation**
3 **fee; indigent civil legal services fee.**

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5 The court may impose a fine as part of the punishment for
6 any felony. If the statute does not establish a maximum
7 fine, the fine shall be not more than ten thousand dollars
8 (\$10,000.00). The court shall impose a court automation fee
9 of ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) in every
10 criminal case wherein the defendant is found guilty, enters
11 a plea of guilty or no contest or is placed on probation
12 under W.S. 7-13-301. The fee shall be remitted as provided
13 by W.S. 5-3-205. In addition to the court automation fee
14 the court shall impose an indigent civil legal services fee
15 of ten dollars (\$10.00) in every criminal case wherein the
16 defendant is found guilty, enters a plea of guilty or no
17 contest or is placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301 or
18 35-7-1037. The indigent civil legal services fee shall be
19 remitted as provided in W.S. 5-3-205(a)(ii).

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21 **6-10-103. Penalties for misdemeanors where not**
22 **prescribed by statute; court automation fee; indigent civil**
23 **legal services fee.**

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2 Unless a different penalty is prescribed by law, every
3 crime declared to be a misdemeanor is punishable by
4 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6)
5 months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
6 (\$750.00), or both. The court shall impose a court
7 automation fee of ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ fifty dollars
8 (\$50.00) in every criminal case wherein the defendant is
9 found guilty, enters a plea of guilty or no contest or is
10 placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301. The fee shall be
11 remitted as provided by W.S. 5-3-205. In addition to the
12 court automation fee the court shall impose an indigent
13 civil legal services fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) in every
14 criminal case wherein the defendant is found guilty, enters
15 a plea of guilty or no contest or is placed on probation
16 under W.S. 7-13-301. The indigent civil legal services fee
17 shall be remitted as provided in W.S. 5-3-205(a)(ii).

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19 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to all cases and
20 appeals initially filed on and after July 1, 2025.

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22 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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