

House Study Bill 176 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED JUDICIAL BRANCH
BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of the judicial branch
2 including shorthand reporters and the practice of law,
3 making appropriations, and providing for a fee.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.504, subsection 2, paragraph j, Code
2 2011, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) The collection entity shall remit
4 to the state court administrator, on at least a monthly basis,
5 ten percent of the amounts set off to be used by the judicial
6 branch to defray the costs of collecting unpaid court debt
7 pursuant to section 602.8107.

8 Sec. 2. Section 602.3106, subsection 2, Code 2011, is
9 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
10 thereof the following:

11 2. The fees collected are appropriated to the judicial
12 branch and shall be used to offset the expenses of the board,
13 including the costs of administering the examination.

14 Sec. 3. Section 602.8106, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
15 2011, is amended to read as follows:

16 c. For filing and docketing a complaint or information or
17 uniform citation and complaint for parking violations under
18 sections 321.236, 321.239, 321.358, 321.360, and 321.361, ~~eight~~
19 ~~dollars, effective January 1, 2004~~ thirty-five dollars. The
20 ~~court costs in cases of parking meter and overtime parking~~
21 ~~violations which are contested, and charged and collected~~
22 ~~pursuant to section 321.236, subsection 1, or pursuant to~~
23 ~~a uniform citation and complaint, are eight dollars per~~
24 ~~information or complaint or per uniform citation and complaint~~
25 ~~effective January 1, 1991.~~

26 Sec. 4. Section 602.10108, subsection 2, Code 2011, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 2. Fees shall be collected by the board and ~~transmitted~~
29 ~~to the treasurer of state who shall deposit the fees in the~~
30 ~~general fund of the state~~ are appropriated to the judicial
31 branch and shall be used to offset the costs of administering
32 this article.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill relates to the administration of the judicial
35 branch.

1 The bill requires the department of administrative
2 services and any other state agency that maintains a separate
3 accounting system and elects to establish a debt collection
4 setoff procedure, to remit to the state court administrator,
5 10 percent of the amounts set off from the collection of
6 delinquent court debt for use by the judicial branch to defray
7 the costs of collecting unpaid court debt.

8 The bill specifies that the fees assessed for shorthand
9 certification examinations are appropriated to the judicial
10 branch and shall be used to offset the expenses of the board
11 of examiners of shorthand reporters, including the costs of
12 administering examinations.

13 The bill increases the fee for filing and docketing a
14 complaint or information for state and local parking violations
15 from \$8 to \$35. The bill eliminates the court costs assessed
16 for contested local parking meter and overtime parking
17 violations.

18 The bill specifies that the fees collected for examination
19 and admission to practice law are appropriated to the judicial
20 branch and shall be used to offset the costs of administering
21 the examination and admission process to practice law.