

Miscellaneous Court Fee Bill House File 2775

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to the Judicial Branch including the assessment of court fees and costs.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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MISCELLANEOUS COURT FEE BILL**

LIEN FILING FEES

- In FY 2005, hospitals filed 1,693 liens. Senate File 2320 (Filing Fees in District Court Act), enacted in the 2002 Legislative Session, increased the filing fee for liens from \$10 to \$20; however, hospital liens were not included in this legislation. This Bill makes all lien filing fees the same amount.

SMALL CLAIM FILING FEES

- Increases the current amount charged to mail an original notice in a small claims case from \$8 to \$10. The cost to mail a notice is paid up front as part of the court costs. The \$2 increase would cover the Judicial Branch's average postage costs per case. Attorneys and certain litigants would still have the option of receiving notice by a process server rather than the Judicial Branch, if they so choose.

TRANSCRIPT DOCKETING FEE

- Creates a \$50 filing fee for filing and docketing a transcript of the judgment in a civil case.

REVENUE IMPACT

- The \$10 increase for hospital lien filing fees results in approximately \$17,000 of additional revenue to the State General Fund. The change in the mailing fee for small claims is revenue neutral. The revenue impact of the \$50 filing and docketing fee for a transcript of the judgment in a civil case cannot be determined; however, it is expected to be minimal.