

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 474

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 488.426 and 488.429, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to surcharges in civil case filings.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 488.426 and 488.429, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 488.426 and 488.429, to read as follows:

488.426. 1. The judges of the circuit court, en banc, in any circuit in this state may require any party filing a civil case in the circuit court, at the time of filing the suit, to deposit with the clerk of the court a surcharge in addition to all other deposits required by law or court rule. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are to be paid by the county or state or any city.

2. The surcharge in effect on August 28, 2001, shall remain in effect until changed by the circuit court. The circuit court in any circuit, except the circuit court in Jackson County may change the fee to any amount not to exceed fifteen dollars. The circuit court in Jackson County may change the fee to any amount not to exceed twenty dollars. A change in the fee shall become effective and remain in effect until further changed [beginning on January first if the office of state courts administrator is notified of the proposed change not later than the preceding September first].

3. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are paid by the county or state or any city.

488.429. 1. Moneys collected pursuant to section 488.426 shall be payable to the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of the county from which such surcharges were collected, or to such person as is designated by local circuit court rule as treasurer of said fund, and said fund shall be applied and expended under the direction and order of the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of any such county for the maintenance and upkeep of the law library maintained by the bar

association in any such county, or such other law library in any such county as may be designated by the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of any such county; provided, that the judges of the circuit court, en banc, of any such county, and the officers of all courts of record of any such county, shall be entitled at all reasonable times to use the library to the support of which said funds are applied.

2. In any county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with a population of at least two hundred thousand, such fund may also be applied and expended for that county's or circuit's family services and justice fund.

3. In any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than forty thousand eight hundred but less than forty thousand nine hundred inhabitants or in any county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than thirteen thousand five hundred but less than thirteen thousand six hundred inhabitants, such fund may also be applied and expended for courtroom renovation and technology enhancement in those counties.

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