

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 456

By: Jolley and Pittman of the  
Senate

3 and

4 Roberts (Dustin) of the  
5 House

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7 An Act relating to courthouse security; amending 28  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 152, which relates to flat fee  
9 schedule; authorizing addition of certain fee for  
specified purpose; directing credit of certain fee;  
and providing an effective date.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 28 O.S. 2011, Section 152, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 152. A. In any civil case filed in a district court,  
16 the court clerk shall collect, at the time of filing, the following  
17 flat fees, none of which shall ever be refundable, and which shall  
18 be the only charge for court costs, except as is otherwise  
19 specifically provided for by law:

- 20 1. Actions for divorce, alimony without  
21 divorce, separate maintenance, custody or  
22 support.....\$143.00

- 1        2. Any ancillary proceeding to modify or
- 2                vacate a divorce decree providing for
- 3                custody or support.....\$43.00
- 4        3. Probate and guardianship.....\$135.00
- 5        4. Annual guardianship report.....\$33.00
- 6        5. Any proceeding for sale or lease of real or
- 7                personal property or mineral interest in
- 8                probate or guardianship.....\$43.00
- 9        6. Any proceeding to revoke the probate of a
- 10                will.....\$43.00
- 11        7. Judicial determination of death.....\$58.00
- 12        8. Adoption.....\$105.00
- 13        9. Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand
- 14                Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less and
- 15                condemnation.....\$150.00
- 16        10. Civil actions for an amount of Ten
- 17                Thousand One Dollars (\$10,001.00) or more .....\$163.00
- 18        11. Garnishment.....\$23.00
- 19        12. Continuing wage garnishment.....\$63.00
- 20        13. Any other proceeding after judgment.....\$33.00
- 21        14. All others, including but not limited to
- 22                actions for forcible entry and detainer,
- 23                judgments from all other courts, including
- 24                the Workers' Compensation Court.....\$85.00

1 15. Notice of renewal of judgment.....\$23.00

2 B. In addition to the amounts collected pursuant to paragraphs  
3 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14 of subsection A of this section, the sum of  
4 Six Dollars (\$6.00) shall be assessed and credited to the Law  
5 Library Fund.

6 C. In addition to the amounts collected pursuant to subsections  
7 A and B of this section, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
8 shall be assessed and credited to the Oklahoma Court Information  
9 System Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1315 of Title 20  
10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 D. In addition to the amounts collected pursuant to subsection  
12 A of this section, the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be assessed  
13 and credited to the Oklahoma court-appointed special advocates  
14 (OCASA).

15 E. In addition to the amounts collected pursuant to subsection  
16 A of this section, the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be assessed  
17 and credited to the Council on Judicial Complaints Revolving Fund.

18 F. In addition to the amounts collected pursuant to subsection  
19 A of this section, each county may assess, upon approval by the  
20 board of county commissioners, a sum not to exceed Ten Dollars  
21 (\$10.00) to be credited to the Sheriff's Service Fee Account in the  
22 county in which the action arose for the purpose of enhancing  
23 existing or providing additional courthouse security.  
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1        G. In any case in which a litigant claims to have a just cause  
2 of action and that, by reason of poverty, the litigant is unable to  
3 pay the fees and costs provided for in this section and is  
4 financially unable to employ counsel, upon the filing of an  
5 affidavit in forma pauperis executed before any officer authorized  
6 by law to administer oaths to that effect and upon satisfactory  
7 showing to the court that the litigant has no means and is,  
8 therefore, unable to pay the applicable fees and costs and to employ  
9 counsel, no fees or costs shall be required. The opposing party or  
10 parties may file with the court clerk of the court having  
11 jurisdiction of the cause an affidavit similarly executed  
12 contradicting the allegation of poverty. In all such cases, the  
13 court shall promptly set for hearing the determination of  
14 eligibility to litigate without payment of fees or costs. Until a  
15 final order is entered determining that the affiant is ineligible,  
16 the clerk shall permit the affiant to litigate without payment of  
17 fees or costs. Any litigant executing a false affidavit or counter  
18 affidavit pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be guilty  
19 of perjury.

20        ~~G.~~ H. Payments to the court clerk for fees and costs assessed  
21 pursuant to this section may be made by a nationally recognized  
22 credit or debit card or other electronic payment method as provided  
23 in paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 151 of this title.

24        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

