

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.8420 Fees; disposition.**

Sec. 8420.

(1) A fee of the following amount, as applicable, shall be charged and collected for the filing of the affidavit for the commencement of any action:

- (a) \$25.00, if the amount in controversy does not exceed \$600.00.
- (b) \$45.00, if the amount in controversy exceeds \$600.00 but does not exceed \$1,750.00.
- (c) \$65.00, if the amount in controversy exceeds \$1,750.00.

(2) A fee in an amount equal to the prevailing postal rate for the service provided shall be charged and collected for each defendant to whom a copy of the affidavit is mailed by the clerk. A fee of \$15.00 shall be charged and collected for the issuance of a writ of execution, attachment, or garnishment and for the issuance of a judgment debtor discovery subpoena. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a fee or charge shall not be collected by an officer for any service rendered under this chapter or for the taking of affidavits for use in connection with any action commenced under this chapter.

(3) Of each filing fee under subsection (1)(a) collected within the month, at the end of each month, the clerk shall transmit \$11.00 to the treasurer of the district funding unit in which the action was commenced, of which not less than \$5.00 shall be used by the district funding unit to fund a drug treatment court if one is planned, established, or operated in that judicial district. If the entire amount attributable to the \$5.00 portion is not needed for the operation of a drug treatment court, the balance that is not needed for that purpose shall be used for the operation of the district court. If a drug treatment court is not planned, established, or operated in that judicial district, all \$11.00 shall be used for the operation of the district court. The clerk of the district court shall transmit the balance of the filing fee to the state treasurer for deposit in the civil filing fee fund created in section 171.

(4) Of each filing fee under subsection (1)(b) collected within the month, at the end of each month, the clerk shall transmit \$17.00 to the treasurer of the district funding unit in which the action was commenced, of which not less than \$5.00 shall be used by the district funding unit to fund a drug treatment court if one is planned, established, or operated in that judicial district. If the entire amount attributable to the \$5.00 portion is not needed for the operation of a drug treatment court, the balance that is not needed for that purpose shall be used for the operation of the district court. If a drug treatment court is not planned, established, or operated in that judicial district, all \$17.00 shall be used for the operation of the district court. The clerk of the district court shall transmit the balance of the filing fee to the state treasurer for deposit in the civil filing fee fund created in section 171.

(5) Of each filing fee under subsection (1)(c) collected within the month, at the end of each month, the clerk shall transmit \$23.00 to the treasurer of the district funding unit in which the action was commenced, of which not less than \$5.00 shall be used by the district funding unit to fund a drug treatment court if one is planned, established, or operated in that judicial district. If the entire amount attributable to the \$5.00 portion is not needed for the operation of a drug treatment court, the balance that is not needed for that purpose shall be used for the operation of the district court. If a drug treatment court is not planned, established, or operated in that judicial district, all \$23.00 shall be used for the operation of the district court. The clerk of the district court shall transmit the balance of the filing fee to the state treasurer for deposit in the civil filing fee fund created in section 171.

(6) If the affidavit and notice to appear and answer are served by personal service, the person serving the process is entitled to the same fee and mileage as for the service of a summons and complaint out of the district court.

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