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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 694

By: Thompson of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to court funds; amending 12 O.S.
11 2011, Section 1809, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
12 362, O.S.L. 2016 (12 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1809),
13 which relates to collection and disposition of court
14 costs and fees; removing fee for certain dispute
15 resolution services; modifying fund for certain
16 deposits; creating Dispute Resolution System
17 Revolving Fund; making funds nonfiscal; stating
18 source of revenue; stating purpose of fund; amending
19 20 O.S. 2011, Sections 72, 73.5, 1310.1, as last
20 amended by Section 2, Chapter 12, O.S.L. 2017 and
21 1507 (20 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1310.1), which
22 relate to quarterly accounting, copies of opinions,
23 Supreme Court Revolving Fund and deposit of fees;
24 modifying fund for certain deposits; modifying
authorized deposits and expenditures for certain
fund; modifying fund for certain deposits; making
language gender neutral; updating statutory language;
amending 28 O.S. 2011, Section 152, as last amended
by Section 3, Chapter 362, O.S.L. 2016 (28 O.S. Supp.
2018, Section 152), which relates to filing fees in
civil cases; modifying fund for certain deposits;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2011, Section 1809, as
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 362, O.S.L. 2016 (12 O.S. Supp. 2018,
3 Section 1809), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1809. A. ~~1.~~ To establish and maintain an alternative
5 dispute resolution system, court costs in the amount of Seven
6 Dollars (\$7.00) shall be taxed, collected, and paid as other court
7 costs in all civil cases. ~~When dispute resolution services are~~
8 ~~sought, a fee in the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be~~
9 ~~assessed by the center and collected from the initiating party. If~~
10 ~~the responding party agrees to participate in mediation of the~~
11 ~~dispute, a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be assessed by the~~
12 ~~center and collected from the responding party.~~

13 The fee of an initiating or responding party shall be waived by
14 the center upon receipt of an affidavit in forma pauperis executed
15 under oath by such party.

16 ~~2. Except for the court costs and fees provided for in this~~
17 ~~subsection, dispute resolution services shall be provided without~~
18 ~~cost to participants.~~

19 B. The court costs and fees provided for in subsection A of
20 this section, once collected, shall be transferred by the court
21 clerk to the Director who shall deposit them in the State Judicial
22 Dispute Resolution System Revolving Fund referenced in Section 2 of
23 this act.

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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1809.1 of Title 12, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
5 for the Supreme Court to be designated the "Dispute Resolution
6 System Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not
7 subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies
8 collected pursuant to Section 1809 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma
9 Statutes. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
10 appropriated and shall be budgeted and expended by the Supreme Court
11 as necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Supreme Court to
12 administer the Dispute Resolution Act by law.

13 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 72, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 72. The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall, on the first
16 Monday of January, April, July and October of each year, make out
17 and present to the Administrative Director an itemized and verified
18 report of all fees earned and collected by ~~him~~ the clerk during the
19 preceding quarter, and shall transfer all monies so earned to the
20 State Treasurer for deposit in the ~~State Judicial~~ Supreme Court
21 Revolving Fund.

22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 73.5, is
23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 73.5 From and after ~~the effective date of this act~~
2 January 1, 1954, the new opinions of the Supreme Court, the Court of
3 Criminal Appeals and the Court of Appeals shall be promptly
4 furnished, at a cost of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page, to any
5 person, firm or corporation who shall request same in writing to the
6 Clerk of the Supreme Court for the purpose of publishing, editing
7 and binding ~~said~~ the opinions. For any other purpose, other
8 persons, firms or corporations shall be furnished, upon request in
9 writing to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, copies of ~~said~~ the
10 opinions, or any instrument of record or other record filed with the
11 Clerk of the Supreme Court, at that fee mandated by Section 31 of
12 Title 28 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for the copying of any instrument
13 of record or on file. Provided however, ~~said~~ the opinions shall be
14 furnished free of cost to the litigants involved, and to the
15 Oklahoma Bar Association for any official publication of ~~said~~ the
16 Association.

17 All monies collected by the Clerk of the Supreme Court for ~~said~~
18 the opinions and other copies shall be by ~~said~~ the Clerk deposited
19 monthly to the credit of the ~~State Judicial~~ Supreme Court Revolving
20 Fund of the State of Oklahoma.

21 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 1310.1, as
22 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 12, O.S.L. 2017 (20 O.S. Supp.
23 2018, Section 1310.1), is amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 1310.1 A. There is hereby created in the State
2 Treasury a revolving fund for the Supreme Court, to be designated
3 the "Supreme Court Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
4 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
5 monies appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes specified in
6 this section and fees collected pursuant to Sections 72, 73.5, 1506
7 and 1707 of this title and paragraph 2 of subsection E of Section
8 152 of Title 28 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All monies accruing to
9 the credit of ~~said~~ the fund are hereby appropriated and may be
10 budgeted and expended by the Supreme Court for refunds to bondsmen
11 and for the purpose of paying expenses authorized by Section 1809 of
12 Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 103.1, 1311, 1507, 1660
13 and 1707 of this title, ~~and~~ Sections 562 and 1355.13A of Title 22
14 and paragraph 2 of subsection E of Section 152 of Title 28 of the
15 Oklahoma Statutes, and to make any other expenditures determined by
16 the Supreme Court to be necessary due to unforeseen emergencies
17 impacting the operation of state courts, as well as recurring and
18 nonrecurring expenditures to perform the duties imposed upon the
19 Supreme Court or Court of Civil Appeals by law. Expenditures from
20 ~~said~~ the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State
21 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
22 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
23 approval and payment.

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1 B. Until June 30, 2018, the Office of Management and Enterprise
2 Services shall at the request of the Administrative Director of the
3 Courts, transfer any monies from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund to
4 the Supreme Court Administrative Revolving Fund or the Interagency
5 Reimbursement Fund as necessary to perform the duties imposed upon
6 the Supreme Court, Court of Civil Appeals and district courts by
7 law.

8 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 1507, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 1507. All fees authorized to be charged shall be paid
11 to the Clerk of the Supreme Court who shall deposit them in the
12 ~~State Judicial~~ Supreme Court Revolving Fund. The Chief Justice
13 shall be authorized to draw against the Supreme Court Revolving Fund
14 such amounts as are lawfully claimed by the Board for its necessary
15 supplies and expenses. When performing essential duties each Board
16 member shall be entitled to his or her actual expenses and shall
17 receive, in addition thereto, the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for
18 each full day of service or a fraction thereof for less than a day's
19 service.

20 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 28 O.S. 2011, Section 152, as last
21 amended by Section 3, Chapter 362, O.S.L. 2016 (28 O.S. Supp. 2018,
22 Section 152), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 152. A. In any civil case filed in a district court,
24 the court clerk shall collect, at the time of filing, the following

1 flat fees, none of which shall ever be refundable, and which shall
2 be the only charge for court costs, except as is otherwise
3 specifically provided for by law:

- 4 1. Actions for divorce, alimony without divorce, separate
5 maintenance, custody or support.....\$183.00
- 6 2. Any ancillary proceeding to modify or vacate a divorce
7 decree providing for custody or support.....\$43.00
- 8 3. Probate and guardianship.....\$135.00
- 9 4. Annual guardianship report.....\$33.00
- 10 5. Any proceeding for sale or lease of real or personal
11 property or mineral interest in probate or guardianship..\$43.00
- 12 6. Any proceeding to revoke the probate of a will...\$43.00
- 13 7. Judicial determination of death.....\$58.00
- 14 8. Adoption.....\$105.00
- 15 9. Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand Dollars
16 (\$10,000.00) or less and condemnation.....\$150.00
- 17 10. Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand One Dollars
18 (\$10,001.00) or more\$163.00
- 19 11. Garnishment.....\$23.00
- 20 12. Continuing wage garnishment.....\$63.00
- 21 13. Any other proceeding after judgment.....\$33.00
- 22 14. All others, including but not limited to actions for
23 forcible entry and detainer, judgments from all other courts,
24 including 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 as follows:

18 1. One Dollar and fifty-five cents (\$1.55) of such amount shall
19 be credited to the Council on Judicial Complaints Revolving Fund;
20 and

21 2. Forty-five cents (\$0.45) of such amount shall be credited to
22 the ~~State Judicial~~ Supreme Court Revolving Fund to be used to
23 reimburse district courts for expenses related to services of
24 interpreters and translators. Vouchers for such expenses shall be

1 submitted by the district court and approved by the Chief Justice of
2 the Supreme Court or another justice designated by the Chief
3 Justice.

4 F. In addition to the amounts collected pursuant to paragraphs
5 1, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 14 of subsection A of this section, each county
6 may assess, upon approval by the board of county commissioners, a
7 sum not to exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per case to be credited to
8 the Sheriff's Service Fee Account in the county in which the action
9 arose for the purpose of enhancing existing or providing additional
10 courthouse security.

11 G. In any case in which a litigant claims to have a just cause
12 of action and that, by reason of poverty, the litigant is unable to
13 pay the fees and costs provided for in this section and is
14 financially unable to employ counsel, upon the filing of an
15 affidavit in forma pauperis executed before any officer authorized
16 by law to administer oaths to that effect and upon satisfactory
17 showing to the court that the litigant has no means and is,
18 therefore, unable to pay the applicable fees and costs and to employ
19 counsel, no fees or costs shall be required. The opposing party or
20 parties may file with the court clerk of the court having
21 jurisdiction of the cause an affidavit similarly executed
22 contradicting the allegation of poverty. In all such cases, the
23 court shall promptly set for hearing the determination of
24 eligibility to litigate without payment of fees or costs. Until a

1 final order is entered determining that the affiant is ineligible,
2 the clerk shall permit the affiant to litigate without payment of
3 fees or costs. Any litigant executing a false affidavit or counter
4 affidavit pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be guilty
5 of perjury.

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

10 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

11 SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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