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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing civil jury trial fees; and amending
2 RCW 3.62.060, 12.12.030, and 10.46.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.62.060 and 1992 c 62 s 8 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 Clerks of the district courts shall collect the following fees for
7 their official services:

8 (1) In any civil action commenced before or transferred to a
9 district court, the plaintiff shall, at the time of such commencement
10 or transfer, pay to such court a filing fee of thirty-one dollars plus
11 any surcharge authorized by RCW 7.75.035. No party shall be compelled
12 to pay to the court any other fees or charges up to and including the
13 rendition of judgment in the action other than those listed.

14 (2) For issuing a writ of garnishment or other writ a fee of six
15 dollars.

16 (3) For filing a supplemental proceeding a fee of twelve dollars.

17 (4) For demanding a jury in a civil case a fee of (~~fifty~~) one
18 hundred twenty-five dollars to be paid by the person demanding a jury.

19 (5) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of six dollars.

1 (6) For certifying any document on file or of record in the clerk's
2 office a fee of five dollars.

3 (7) For preparing the record of a case for appeal to superior court
4 a fee of forty dollars including any costs of tape duplication as
5 governed by the rules of appeal for courts of limited jurisdiction
6 (RALJ).

7 (8) For duplication of part or all of the electronic tape or tapes
8 of a proceeding ten dollars per tape.

9 The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed as
10 court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 12.12.030 and 1981 c 260 s 3 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 After the appearance of the defendant, and before the justice
14 (~~((shall proceed to))~~) enquires into the merits of the cause, either
15 party may demand a jury to try the action, which jury shall be composed
16 of six good and lawful persons having the qualifications of jurors in
17 the superior court of the same county, unless the parties (~~((shall))~~)
18 agree upon a lesser number: PROVIDED, That the party demanding the
19 jury shall first pay to the justice the sum of one hundred twenty-five
20 dollars, which shall be paid over by the justice to the county, and
21 (~~((said))~~) such amount shall be taxed as costs against the losing party.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 10.46.190 and 1977 ex.s. c 248 s 1 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Every person convicted of a crime or held to bail to keep the peace
25 shall be liable to all the costs of the proceedings against him or her,
26 including, when tried by a jury in the superior court, a jury fee as
27 provided for in civil actions, and when tried by a jury (~~((before a~~
28 ~~committing magistrate,))~~) in a limited jurisdiction court, a jury fee of
29 one hundred twenty-five dollars (~~((for jury fee))~~), for which judgment
30 shall be rendered and collection had as in cases of fines. The jury
31 fee, when collected for a case tried by the superior court, shall be
32 paid to the clerk, to be (~~((by him))~~) applied by the clerk as the jury
33 fee in civil cases is applied. The jury fee, when collected for a case
34 tried by a limited jurisdiction court, shall be paid to the clerk of

1 the court and is not subject to division under RCW 3.62.020 and
2 3.62.040.

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