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SENATE BILL 5882

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By Senators Kline and Sheahan

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1 AN ACT Relating to county law library funding; and amending RCW  
2 27.24.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.24.070 and 1992 c 54 s 6 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) In each county that maintains a county or regional law library  
7 pursuant to this chapter, the county treasurer shall deposit in the  
8 county or regional law library fund a sum equal to twelve dollars for  
9 every new probate or civil filing fee, including appeals, collected by  
10 the clerk of the superior court and six dollars for every fee collected  
11 for the commencement of a civil action in district court for the  
12 support of the law library in that county or the regional law library  
13 to which the county belongs(~~:- PROVIDED, That~~)).

14 (2) Upon a showing of need the twelve dollar contribution deposited  
15 for each superior court filing fee under subsection (1) of this section  
16 may be increased to up to fifteen dollars for each such fee upon the  
17 request of the law library board of trustees and with the approval of  
18 the county legislative body or bodies.

1       (3) Upon a showing of need by the law library board of trustees, a  
2 county legislative body or bodies may impose a surcharge not to exceed  
3 fifteen dollars on every new probate or civil filing, including  
4 appeals, in superior court for the purpose of funding the county law  
5 library. Any surcharge imposed shall be collected by the clerk of the  
6 court and remitted to the county treasurer for deposit in the county or  
7 regional law library fund. However, no surcharge under this subsection  
8 is valid if, before imposing the surcharge, a county has increased the  
9 contribution as allowed under subsection (2) of this section and then  
10 has reduced such contribution before or after imposing the surcharge.

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