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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2416**

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**State of Washington**                      **62nd Legislature**                      **2012 Regular Session**

**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representative Takko)

READ FIRST TIME 01/27/12.

1            AN ACT Relating to equitable allocation of auditor costs; and  
2 amending RCW 36.18.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2007 c 523 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following  
7 fees for their official services:

8            (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-  
9 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page  
10 eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for  
11 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be  
12 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required  
13 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction  
14 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;  
15 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional  
16 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may  
17 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or  
18 transaction;

1 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight  
2 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each  
3 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one  
4 dollar;

5 (3) For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-  
6 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

7 (4) For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or  
8 without seal, two dollars;

9 (5) For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee  
10 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and  
11 transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital  
12 statistics) plus an additional five dollar fee for use and support of  
13 the prevention of child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted  
14 monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund  
15 plus an additional ten dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the  
16 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund. The  
17 legislature intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the  
18 revenue generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced  
19 homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

20 (6) For searching records per hour, up to the actual cost as  
21 established and conspicuously posted by the auditor. The actual cost  
22 may include employee costs such as salary and benefits but may not  
23 include general and administrative overhead costs. If the auditor has  
24 not determined the actual per hour cost for searching records, the fee  
25 is eight dollars;

26 (7) For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery  
27 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one  
28 dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED,  
29 That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

30 (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for  
31 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five  
32 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches  
33 or less, one dollar;

34 (9) For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing  
35 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170;

36 (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in  
37 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable  
38 recording fees;

1           (11) For recording instruments, a two-dollar surcharge to be  
2 deposited into the Washington state heritage center account created in  
3 RCW 43.07.129;

4           (12) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW  
5 36.22.178; and

6           (13) For recording instruments, except for documents recording a  
7 birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents otherwise exempted  
8 from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as provided in RCW  
9 36.22.179.

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