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HOUSE BILL 2195

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By Representatives Lytton, Walkinshaw, Orwall, Chandler, and Fagan

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1            AN ACT Relating to auditor's fees; and amending RCW 36.18.010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16           (6) For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

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

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

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

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

31           (11) For recording instruments, a (~~two-dollar~~) three dollar  
32 surcharge to be deposited into the Washington state heritage center  
33 account created in RCW 43.07.129;

34           (12) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW  
35 36.22.178; and

36           (13) For recording instruments, except for documents recording a  
37 birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents otherwise

1 exempted from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as  
2 provided in RCW 36.22.179.

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