

March 25, 2003

**H 653. COURT FEE CHANGES.** *TO INCREASE AND ADJUST FEES IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE.*

Amends court costs statutes as follows: (1) Increases facilities fee (which goes to the county or city that provides the court facility) in criminal cases in district and superior court by \$5 and adds computer equipment and software to items for which counties and cities may expend facilities fees; (2) increases portion of court costs for criminal, civil, special proceeding, and estate cases that are remitted to NC State Bar for legal services from \$1.05 to \$2 in 2003-2004; \$3 in 2004-05, \$4 in 2005-2006, and \$5 in 2006-2007 and after; (3) increases fee for using pretrial services from \$15 to \$30; (4) increases small claims facilities fee by \$5 and civil district court fee by \$1 so both are the same and increases civil superior court facilities fee by \$19; (5) increases General Court of Justice fee in civil cases by \$13 in superior court and \$21 in district court cases, but does not change small claims fee; (6) increases facilities fee in special proceedings by \$7 and General Court of Justice fee by \$45; (7) increases facilities fee in administration of estates and trust proceedings by \$7 and General Court of Justice fee by \$45; (8) increases confession of judgment and execution fees to \$25 and judgment transcribing and substitution of trustee in a deed of trust fees to \$10; and raises fees for notice of resumption of former name, administering oaths, taking acknowledgments, approving bonds, exemplifying records, preparing copies by \$ 0.50. Effective July 1, 2003, and applies to costs and fees assessed on or after that date, except that in misdemeanor and infraction cases disposed of by written appearance, waiver of trial and plea of guilty, amount specified in the notice portion of defendant's copy of criminal process is collected.

**Intro. by Alexander.**

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