

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5029

(As amended December 15, 2015)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 1986 and 1987.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 1986. (1) <<BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2016, IF>> A FEE FOR  
COMMENCING A CIVIL ACTION IS

2        AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED BY LAW, IN ADDITION TO THAT FEE, THE CLERK  
3        SHALL ALSO COLLECT AN ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE, SUBJECT TO  
4        SECTION 1993, AS FOLLOWS:

5            (A) FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF  
6        APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, PROBATE COURT, AND COURT OF CLAIMS, \$25.00.

7            (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISIONS (C) AND (D), FOR CIVIL  
8        ACTIONS FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT, INCLUDING ACTIONS FILED FOR  
9        SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS, \$10.00.

10          (C) FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT IF A CLAIM FOR  
11        MONEY DAMAGES IS JOINED WITH A CLAIM FOR RELIEF OTHER THAN MONEY

1 DAMAGES, \$20.00.

2 (D) FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN THE SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION OF  
3 DISTRICT COURT, \$5.00.

4 (2) SUBJECT TO SECTION 1991, THE CLERK SHALL COLLECT THE  
5 ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) FROM THE  
6 PARTY AT THE TIME THE CIVIL ACTION IS COMMENCED, WHETHER OR NOT THE  
7 DOCUMENT COMMENCING THE CIVIL ACTION WAS FILED ELECTRONICALLY.

8 (3) IF THE COURT WAIVES PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR COMMENCING A  
9 CIVIL ACTION BECAUSE THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PARTY IS  
10 INDIGENT OR UNABLE TO PAY THE FEE, THE COURT SHALL ALSO WAIVE  
11 PAYMENT OF THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE.

12 (4) A PARTY THAT IS A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
13 PAY AN ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE.

14 (5) THE CLERK MAY ACCEPT AUTOMATED PAYMENT OF ANY FEE BEING  
15 PAID TO THE COURT. IF THE BANK OR OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMERCE  
16 BUSINESS CHARGES THE COURT OR COURT FUNDING UNIT A MERCHANT  
17 TRANSACTION FEE, THE CLERK MAY CHARGE THE PERSON PAYING THE FEE AN  
18 ADDITIONAL AUTOMATED PAYMENT SERVICE FEE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE  
19 COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. THE AMOUNT OF THE AUTOMATED PAYMENT  
20 SERVICE FEE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE ACTUAL MERCHANT TRANSACTION FEE TO  
21 BE CHARGED TO THE COURT OR COURT FUNDING UNIT FOR ACCEPTING AN  
22 AUTOMATED PAYMENT BY A BANK OR OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMERCE BUSINESS,  
23 OR 3% OF THE AUTOMATED PAYMENT, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

24 SEC. 1987. (1) EXCEPT FOR AN AUTOMATED PAYMENT SERVICE FEE  
25 COLLECTED UNDER SECTION 1986(5), AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
26 SUBSECTION (2), THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER  
27 THIS CHAPTER IS THE ONLY FEE THAT MAY BE CHARGED TO OR COLLECTED IN

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A CIVIL ACTION SPECIFICALLY FOR ELECTRONIC FILING.

(2) IF, PURSUANT TO A SUPREME COURT ORDER, A COURT OR COURT FUNDING UNIT IS COLLECTING A FEE FOR ELECTRONIC FILING OTHER THAN THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, THE COURT OR COURT FUNDING UNIT MAY CONTINUE TO COLLECT \$2.50 FOR FILING OR SERVICE [ OR ] \$5.00 FOR FILING AND SERVICE, IN ADDITION TO THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FILING FEE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 531.

(b) Senate Bill No. 532.

(c) Senate Bill No. 533.

(d) House Bill No. 5028.

(e) House Bill No. 5030.