

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 621

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REUTER.

1595H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 488, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a special surcharge in certain cases for the construction of a new courthouse.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 488, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 488.448, to read as follows:

488.448. 1. The circuit and associate circuit judges of the circuit court of the twenty-third judicial circuit shall require any party filing a civil case in the circuit court, at the time of filing suit, to deposit with the circuit clerk a surcharge in the amount of forty-five dollars, in addition to all other court costs now or hereafter required by law or court rule, and no summons shall be issued until such surcharge has been paid. This section shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or paid by the state, county, or municipality.

2. The surcharge amount imposed upon the filing of a civil action under subsection 1 of this section shall be paid by the party who filed the petition and shall be collected and disbursed by the clerk of the court in the manner provided herein. Such surcharge shall be payable to the office of the treasury of a county with more than two hundred thousand but fewer than two hundred thirty thousand inhabitants and credited to a special interest-bearing account fund designated as the courthouse construction fund, to be used solely for the construction of a new courthouse for the twenty-third judicial circuit.

3. At the end of each month, the circuit clerk shall file a verified report with the treasurer of the county with more than two hundred thousand but fewer than two

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **hundred thirty thousand inhabitants listing the fees collected under subsection 2 of this**
19 **section. The report may be consolidated with the monthly report of other fees collected**
20 **by the clerk and sent to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall deposit all such**
21 **fees upon receipt in the courthouse construction fund to be expended only to provide for**
22 **the construction of the new courthouse for the twenty-third judicial circuit.**

23 **4. This section shall expire on August 28, 2045.**

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