April 29, 1971

LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R.S. 22A:2-6

22A:2-12

22A:2-13

22A:2-15

22A:2-37

(Civil cases fees increased)

Related bills introduced, 1967-1970:

1968 - A581 (Coleman & others) 1969 - A722 (Rinaldi & others)

Bill had statement (copy enclosed)

L. 1970, Chapter 107 - A983

Introduced April 23 by Thomas, Pfaltz, Cafiero & others.

No statement.

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### ASSEMBLY, No. 983

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### INTRODUCED APRIL 23, 1970

By Assemblymen THOMAS, PFALTZ, CAFIERO, POLICASTRO, SHUSTED, COSTA, VOLK and FIORE

### (Without Reference)

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### ACCOUNTING

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- 3 trict court, the following fees shall be paid to the clerk:
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- 5 Instituting action without process where the amount claimed
- 6 does not exceed \$500.00, \$8.00.
- 7 Instituting action without process where the amount claimed
- 8 exceeds \$500.00, [\$9.00] \$10.00.
- 9 Filing a pleading stating a counterclaim, where the amount
- 10 claimed does not exceed \$500.00, \$7.00.
- 11 Filing a pleading stating a counterclaim, where the amount
- 12 claimed exceeds \$500.00, [\$8.00] \$9.00.
- 13 Execution, or an order in the nature of execution, on a judg-
- 14 ment, or execution against the body, for one defendant, \$2.50.
- Execution against the body, each additional defendant, \$1.00.
- 16 Copy of execution, or other order, in the nature of execution,
- 17 \$0.50.
- 18 Mileage of constable in serving any summons, executions or
- 19 warrant against the body, the distance to be computed by count-
- 20 ing the number of miles, in and out, by the most direct route from
- 21 the place where process is issued, for every mile, \$0.10.
- 22 Summons, one defendant, where the amount does not exceed
- 23 \$500.00, \$7.60. For each additional defendant, \$0.40.
- 24 Summons, one defendant, where the amount exceeds \$500.00,
- 25 [\$8.60] \$10.00. For each additional defendant, \$0.40.
- 26 In tenancy, one defendant, \$7.10. For each additional defendant,
- 27 \$0.40.
- 28 In replevin, for service of summons, one defendant, where the
- 29 amount or value of goods does not exceed \$500.00, \$7.60. For each
- 30 additional defendant, \$0.40.
- 31 In replevin, for service of summons, one defendant, where the

- 32 amount or value of goods exceeds \$500.00, [\$8.60] \$10.00. For each
- 33 additional defendant, \$0.40.
- 34 In replevin, where writ is served with summons, one defendant,
- 35 where the amount or value of goods does not exceed \$500.00, \$9.50.
- 36 For each additional defendant, \$0.40.
- 37 In replevin, where writ is served with summons, one defend-
- 38 ant, where the amount or value of goods exceeds \$500.00, [\$10.50]
- 39 \$12.00. For each additional defendant, \$0.40.
- 40 In replevin, where writ is issued subsequent to service of sum-
- 41 mons, \$7.50.
- 42 Summons in third party complaints, one defendant, where the
- 43 amount does not exceed \$500.00, \$7.60. For each additional de-
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- 46 amount exceeds \$500.00, [\$8.60] \$10.00. For each additional de-
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- 48 Actions instituted by capias or warrant to arrest, one defendant,
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- 50 tional defendant, \$1.00. Copy of warrant to arrest, \$0.50.
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- 54 Certificate of judgment, \$1.00.
- 55 Jury of six men, [\$8.50] \$15.00.
- 56 Jury of 12 men, [\$14.00] \$30.00.
- 57 Capias, warrant to arrest, or commitment, one defendant, \$3.35.
- 58 For each additional defendant, \$1.00.
- Warrant for possession in tenancy, \$4.00.
- Writ of attachment, where the amount does not exceed \$500.00,
- 61 \$8.85.
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- 63 \$10.00.
- 64 Certifying statement of judgment for docketing in the Superior
- 65 or County Court, \$1.00.
- 66 Certifying statement of judgment on mechanic's lien for docket-
- 67 ing, \$1.00.
- 68 Restoring case marked not moved, \$1.00.
- 69 Vacating default, \$1.00.
- 70 Except as specifically provided for herein, there shall be no
- 71 charge for any order up until the time of final judgment. After
- 72 final judgment orders for warrants, orders to show cause, discovery
- 73 or any other order not specifically provided for herein the clerk
- 74 shall charge the sum of \$1.00.
- 1 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

### FISCAL NOTE TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 983

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 27, 1970

Assembly Bill No. 983 increases court filing fees in civil cases and amends certain sections of the New Jersey Statutes.

The Administrative Office of the Courts estimates that enactment of this legislation would produce an additional revenue to the State of \$815,000.00 and to the collective county governments of \$718,000.00 per year.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

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### ASSEMBLY, No. 581

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### INTRODUCED APRIL 1, 1968

By Assemblymen COLEMAN, FONTANELLA, PARKER, RINALDI, WILSON, CAPUTO and FERRARA

#### Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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#### FISCAL NOTE TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 581

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: APRIL 25, 1968** 

Assembly Bill No. 581 is an act that would raise the filing fees in civil cases in the courts. It is a companion measure to Assembly Bill No. 580.

The Judiciary Department states that if Assembly Bill No. 581 were enacted, \$687,370.00 would accrue to the State in 1968-69 and \$728,612.00 in 1969-70. The department further states that \$740,000.00 would accrue to the counties the first year this bill becomes operative. This is based on the number of filings during the 1966-67 court year. The anticipated \$740,000.00 is considered sufficient to insure that virtually no financial burden would result to the counties by enactment of this bill's companion measure, Assembly Bill No. 580.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO ASSEMBLY, No. 581

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1968

Amend page 1, title, line 2, "after 22A:2-13", omit "and", insert a comma; after "22A:2-15", insert "and 22A:4-15".

### ASSEMBLY, No. 722

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### INTRODUCED MARCH 24, 1969

By Assemblymen RINALDI, FIORE, WILSON, DENNIS, KEAN, KALTENBACHER and CAPUTO

### Referred to Committee on Judiciary

An Act concerning fees in civil cases in the courts and amending sections 22A:2-6, 22A:2-7, and 22A:2-12 of the New Jersey Statutes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- $2\ \ \ of\ New\ Jersey:$
- 1 1. Section 22A:2-6 of the New Jersey Statutes is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 22A:2-6. Upon the filing or entering of the first paper or proceed-
- 4 ing in any action or proceeding in the Law Division of the Superior
- 5 Court, the plaintiff shall pay to the clerk \$50.00 for the first paper
- 6 filed by him, which shall cover all fees payable therein down to, and
- 7 including entry of final judgment, taxation of costs, copy of costs
- 8 and the issuance and recording of final process, except such as
- 9 may be otherwise provided herein, or provided by law, or the rules
- 10 of court. Of the \$50.00 paid to the clerk, [\$15.00] \$25.00 shall be
- 11 paid over by him to the treasurer of the county in which venue is
- 12 laid for the use of the county. Any person other than the plaintiff 13 filing any other paper in any such cause shall pay to the clerk
- 14 don on for the first money fled by him
- 14 \$20.00 for the first paper filed by him.
- 2. Section 22A:2-7 of the New Jersey Statutes is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 22A:2-7. Upon the filing, entering, docketing or recording of the
- 4 following papers, documents or proceedings by either party to any
- 5 action or proceeding in the Law Division of the Superior Court, the
- 6 party or parties filing, entering, docketing or recording the same
- 7 shall pay to the clerk of said court the following fees:
- 8 Filing of the first paper in any motion, petition or application,
- 9 if not in a pending action or proceeding under section 22A:2-6 of
- 10 this Title, or if made after dismissal or judgment entered, the

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets Ithus in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- 11 moving party shall pay [\$3.00] \$5.00 which shall cover all fees
- 12 payable on such motion, petition or application down to and in-
- 13 cluding filing and entering of order therein and taxation of costs.
- 14 Entering judgment on bond and warrant by attorney and issuance
- 15 of one final process, \$15.00 in lieu of the fee required by section
- 16 22A:2-6 of this Title.
- 17 Docketing judgments or orders from other courts or divisions,
- 18 \$2.00.
- 19 Satisfaction of judgment or other lien, \$1.00.
- 20 Recording assignment of judgment or release, \$2.00.
- 21 Issuing of executions and recording same, except as otherwise
- 22 provided in this article, \$2.00.
- 23 Recording of instruments not otherwise provided for in this
- 24 article, \$2.00.
- 25 Filing and entering recognizance of civil bail, \$2.00.
- 26 Signing and issuing subpæna, \$1.00.
- 3. Section 22A:2-12 of the New Jersey Statutes is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 22A:2-12. Upon the filing of the first paper in any action or pro-
- 4 ceeding in the Chancery Division of the Superior Court there shall
- 5 be paid to the clerk of the court, for the use of the State, the follow-
- 6 ing fees, which, except as hereinafter provided, shall constitute the
- 7 entire fees to be collected by the clerk for the use of the State, down
- 8 to the final disposition of the cause:
- 9 Receivership and partition, \$60.00;
- 10 For withdrawal of surplus and other moneys and assets deposited
- 11 with the court where the sum or value of the asset to be withdrawn
- 12 is less than \$10.00, no fee; where the sum or value is \$10.00 or
- 13 more but less than \$100.00, a fee of \$1.00; where such sum or value
- 14 is \$100.00 or more, a fee of [\$25.00] \$5.00;
- 15 [Application for permanent alimony; for withdrawal of mort-
- 16 gages and other A motion, petition or other application s for
- 17 relief filed subsequent to final judgment [\$25.00;] \$5.00, which shall
- 18 cover all fees payable on such motions, petitions or applications
- 19 including filing and entering of orders thereon, taxation of costs
- 20 and issuance of execution.
- 21 All other actions and proceedings except in probate cases \$50.00.
- 1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### STATEMENT

This bill is intended to increase, from \$15.00 to \$25.00, the required payment made to counties upon filing the first paper in an action or proceeding in the Law Division of the Supreme Court.

Based upon the volume of litigation during a representative 4-month period of the current calendar year, it is anticipated that the bill will provide the counties with an additional annual revenue of \$418,000. Revenue to the State will be reduced by a corresponding amount.

Amendment is also made of fees in certain Chancery Division actions so that inequities can be eliminated. Furthermore, to achieve uniformity, there shall be an increase in filing fees from \$3.00 to \$5.00 in connection with certain motions, petitions, or applications in the Law Division, and a corresponding reduction of similar fees in the Chancery Division. It is anticipated that the State will not suffer any loss of revenue as a result thereof.