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FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES RESULTING FROM SENATE BILL 41

Dear Members of the Legal Community –

The Texas State Legislature passed Senate Bill 41, and it was signed into law with an effective date of January 1, 2022. The intention of SB 41 is to streamline and simplify the assessment, tracking, and disbursement of funds in Probate matters. There are now two fee codes for all initial and subsequent filings. The two fee codes are the State Consolidated Court costs and the Local Consolidated Court costs. The fees assessed under the State Consolidated Court cost will be sent directly to the State, and fees assessed under the Local Consolidated Court costs will go to the County. Attached is the revised Fee Schedules for cases filed in the Probate Courts, along with some updates on the e-filing process in Probate cases.

My staff has worked diligently on implementing these changes, and we anticipate a smooth transition as we move forward into 2022!

Respectfully,

Teneshia Hudspeth,

County Clerk, Harris County, Texas



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Probate Courts Department

FEE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2022

Pursuant to SB41, the Harris County Clerk's office will begin charging the following fees for all new estates.

Please be aware these fees **DO NOT include Posting, Publication and Personal Service. While in e-file under the Services tab, you will need to select issue citation and the type of service you are requesting to add those fees.**

Example: When filing an Application to Probate a Will you will select under the Filing Information tab. (Services). Then select Issue Citation (\$8.00, which is the clerk's issuance fee) and Service – Constable – Posting (\$75.00). Your total should be \$443.00, initial filing \$360.00 plus service \$83.00.

New Estates

Probate of Will	\$360.00
Administration	\$360.00
Administration WWA	\$360.00
Heirship	\$360.00
Heirship & Administration	\$360.00
No Administration	\$360.00
Community Administration	\$360.00
Probate of Foreign Will	\$360.00
Small Estate Affidavit	\$360.00
Right of Survivorship	\$360.00
Guardianship/Minor	\$360.00
Guardianship/Adult	\$360.00
Temporary Guardianship	\$360.00
Sale of Real Estate §1351.001	\$360.00
Home Equity Loan §1352.052	\$360.00

Guardianship §1353.002	\$360.00
Show Cause §252.201	\$360.00
Testamentary Trust	\$360.00
Emergency Intervention	\$360.00
Open Safe Deposit Box	\$360.00
Original Petition	\$360.00
Cross Complaint	\$120.00
Trust Fund	\$360.00

Subsequent Filings

Annual Account	\$25.00
Annual Report	\$10.00
Application for Sale of Personal Property	\$25.00
Bond	\$5.00
Claims	\$10.00
Document after 120 th day of initial filing that is over 25 pages	\$25.00
Final Account	\$25.00
Final Report	\$10.00
Inventory	\$25.00
Proposed Order	\$2.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Abstract of Judgment	\$2.00
Certification of a Document	\$5.00
Citation Issued	\$8.00
Citation Issued by Certified Mail	\$83.00
Letters of Testamentary, Administration and Guardianship	\$2.00
Non-Certified Copies	\$1.00
Returned Check Fee	\$30.00
Search Fee	\$5.00
Wills for Safekeeping	\$5.00

Constable Service Fees

Execution	\$150.00
Garnishment	\$100.00
Injunctions	\$100.00
Personal	\$75.00
Possession	\$125.00
Posting	\$75.00
Publication	\$75.00
Sequestration	\$150.00

Show Cause	\$75.00
Subpoena	\$75.00
Temporary Restraining Order	\$100.00
Writ	\$125.00