



TENESHIA HUDSPETH

COUNTY CLERK

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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 Civil and 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 are the revised Fee Schedules for cases filed in the County Civil Courts and 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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COUNTY CLERK, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
PROBATE COURTS DEPARTMENT

Update to the Probate e-filing process

Please be aware these fees **DO NOT include Posting, Publication and Personal Service. In e-File under the Services tab, you will need to select issue citation and then the type of service you are requesting to add 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, the initial filing fee of \$360.00, plus the service fee of \$83.00.

The following Probate Court fees will change pursuant to SB41.



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PROBATE FEE SCHEDULE - Effective January 1, 2022

Document Types	
Probate of a 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	\$360.00
Right of Survivorship	\$360.00
Guardianship / Minor	\$360.00
Guardianship / Incapacitated	\$360.00
Temporary Guardianship	\$360.00
Sell R/E §1351.001	\$360.00
Home Equity §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
Adverse Action Cross-Comp	\$120.00

PLEADINGS WITHIN A PENDING PROBATE MATTER	
Inventory – Fees due if filed 90 Days After the Personal Representative has Qualified	\$25.00
Bond	\$5.00
Annual Account	\$25.00
Annual Report on Condition of Ward	\$10.00
Claims	\$10.00
Proposed Orders	\$2.00
Final Report on Condition of Ward	\$10.00
Application for Sale of Personal Property	\$25.00
Application for Sale of Real Property	\$25.00
Final Account	\$25.00

COUNTY CLERK ISSUANCE FEES	
Abstract of Judgment	\$2.00
Citation Issued by County Clerk	\$8.00
Citation Served by Others	\$8.00
Citation Issued by Certified Mail	\$83.00



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PROBATE FEE SCHEDULE - Continued

COUNTY CLERK MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
Wills for Safekeeping	\$5.00
Returned Check Fee	\$30.00
Letters of Testamentary, Administration and Guardianship	\$2.00
Non-Certified Copy Per Page	\$1.00
Certification of a Copy of a Document (Plus \$1.00 Per Page Copy Fee)	\$5.00
Document after 120 th day of initial filing that is over 25 pages	\$25.00

CONSTABLE FEES					
Posting	\$75.00	Personal	\$75.00	Subpoena	\$75.00
Garnishment	\$100.00	Sequestration	\$150.00	TRO	\$100.00
Show Cause	\$75.00	Injunction	\$100.00	Publication	\$75.00
Possession	\$125.00	Writs	\$125.00	Execution	\$150.00

Description	Applicable Code
Appellate Judicial Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Court Facility Fee Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Clerk of the Court Account	§135.102 Local Government Code
County Records Management & Preservation	§135.102 Local Government Code
Court Reporter Service Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
County Law Library Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Courthouse Security Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Language Access Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
County Jury Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
County Dispute Resolution Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Court-Initiated Guardianship Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Judicial Education & Support Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Public Probate Administrator Fund	§135.102 Local Government Code
Issuing Documents	§118.052 (3-A) Local Government Code
County Judge	§118.101 Local Government Code
Constable Service Fee	§118.131 Local Government Code