



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 285

September 29, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, SPANBAUER, HEBL, KAPENGA, DOYLE, KESTELL, KRUG, KAUFERT, LITJENS and ENDSLEY, cosponsored by Senator TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 814.65 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** municipal court fees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when a municipal court finds that a person has violated an ordinance, the municipal court judge may, in most cases, collect a court fee of not less than \$15 nor more than \$28 from the person. Of that fee, the municipal treasurer forwards \$5 to the Department of Administration and retains the balance for use by the municipality.

This bill increases the maximum court fee to \$38.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1.** 814.65 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 814.65 (1) COURT COSTS. In a municipal court action, except for a financial
4 responsibility violation under s. 344.62 (2) or for a violation of an ordinance in
5 conformity with s. 343.51 (1m) (b) or 347.48 (2m), the municipal judge shall collect
6 a fee of not less than \$15 nor more than ~~\$28~~ \$38 on each separate matter, whether

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1 it is on default of appearance, a plea of guilty or no contest, on issuance of a warrant
2 or summons, or the action is tried as a contested matter. Of each fee received by the
3 judge under this subsection, the municipal treasurer shall pay monthly \$5 to the
4 secretary of administration for deposit in the general fund and shall retain the
5 balance for the use of the municipality.

6 (END)