



2013 SENATE BILL 15

February 12, 2013 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR, GUDEX, SCHULTZ, CARPENTER, HARRIS, LEIBHAM and SHILLING, cosponsored by Representatives THIESFELDT, KAPENGA, DOYLE, HEBL, SCHRAA, JAGLER, PETERSEN, KAHL, KAUFERT, BERNIER, PETRYK, T. LARSON, A. OTT, BERNARD SCHABER, KOOYENGA, TAUCHEN, STRACHOTA, OHNSTAD and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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)