

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 945**  
**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 57.540, 476.055, 478.003, 478.385, 478.387, 478.550, 478.600, 478.630, 478.700, 478.705, 483.082, 487.020, 488.012, 488.027, 488.426, and 509.520, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eighteen new sections relating to court operations.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 57.540, 476.055, 478.003, 478.385, 478.387, 478.550, 478.600, 2 478.630, 478.700, 478.705, 483.082, 487.020, 488.012, 488.027, 488.426, and 509.520, 3 RSMo, are repealed and eighteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as 4 sections 57.540, 476.055, 478.003, 478.385, 478.387, 478.550, 478.600, 478.630, 478.700, 5 478.705, 483.005, 483.082, 487.020, 488.012, 488.027, 488.426, 509.520, and 610.144, to 6 read as follows:

57.540. **1.** The sheriff of the City of St. Louis may employ an attorney at law to aid 2 and advise him in the discharge of his duties and to represent him in court~~], which said~~ 3 ~~attorney shall be known as "sheriff's attorney", and who shall receive as compensation for his~~ 4 ~~services as such sheriff's attorney a sum of not less than three thousand dollars and not more~~ 5 ~~than fifteen thousand dollars per annum, payable in semimonthly installments].~~ **The sheriff** 6 **shall set the compensation for an attorney hired pursuant to this section and such** 7 **compensation shall be paid** out of the same funds and revenue as the sheriff of such city is 8 paid.

9 **2.** **The attorney employed by a sheriff pursuant to subsection 1 of this section** 10 **shall be employed at the pleasure of the sheriff.**

476.055. 1. There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Statewide Court 2 Automation Fund". All moneys collected pursuant to section 488.027, as well as gifts, 3 contributions, devises, bequests, and grants received relating to **statewide court** automation

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

4 ~~[of judicial record-keeping]~~, and moneys received by the ~~[judicial system]~~ **judiciary** for the  
5 dissemination of information ~~[and]~~, sales of publications, **or other provision of electronic**  
6 **services** developed relating to **statewide court** automation ~~[of judicial record-keeping]~~, **as**  
7 **authorized by the court automation committee**, shall be credited to the fund. Moneys  
8 credited to this fund may only be used for the purposes set forth in this section and as  
9 appropriated by the general assembly. Any unexpended balance remaining in the statewide  
10 court automation fund at the end of each biennium shall not be subject to the provisions of  
11 section 33.080 requiring the transfer of such unexpended balance to general revenue.

12 2. The statewide court automation fund shall be administered by a court automation  
13 committee consisting of the following~~[- the chief justice of the supreme court,]~~ **members:**

14 (1) A judge from the court of appeals, four circuit judges, four associate circuit  
15 judges, four employees of ~~[the circuit court,]~~ **circuit courts**, and two employees who work  
16 full time in a municipal division of a circuit court, ~~[the commissioner of administration,]~~ **each**  
17 **of whom shall be appointed by the chief justice of the Missouri supreme court;**

18 (2) **Two members of the Missouri Bar, appointed by the board of governors of**  
19 **the Missouri Bar;**

20 (3) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
21 house, **with one member being from the majority party and one member being from the**  
22 **minority party;**

23 (4) Two members of the senate appointed by the president pro ~~[tem]~~ **tempore** of the  
24 senate, **with one member being from the majority party and one member being from the**  
25 **minority party; and**

26 (5) **Four additional ex officio members as follows:**

27 (a) **The chief justice of the Missouri supreme court, or the chief justice's**  
28 **designee;**

29 (b) **The commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee;**

30 (c) **The executive director of the Missouri ~~[Office of Prosecution Services,]~~ office of**  
31 **prosecution services, or the executive director's designee; and**

32 (d) **The director of the state public defender system, ~~[and two members of the~~**  
33 **Missouri Bar. ~~The judge members and employee members shall be appointed by the chief~~**  
34 **justice. ~~The commissioner of administration shall serve ex officio. The members of the~~**  
35 **Missouri Bar shall be appointed by the board of governors of the Missouri Bar. Any member**  
36 **of the committee may designate another person to serve on the committee in place of the**  
37 **committee member] or the director's designee.**

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39 **The appointed members of the committee shall serve for terms of two years and until**  
40 **their successors are appointed and qualified. The members of the committee shall be**

41 **reimbursed from the statewide court automation fund for their actual expenses in**  
42 **performing their official duties on the committee.**

43 3. The committee shall develop and ~~[implement a plan for]~~ **maintain** a statewide  
44 court automation system. The committee shall have the authority to hire consultants, review  
45 systems in other jurisdictions, and purchase goods and services to administer the provisions of  
46 this section. The committee may implement ~~[one or more]~~ pilot projects in the state ~~[for the~~  
47 ~~purposes of determining the feasibility of developing and implementing such plan. The~~  
48 ~~members of the committee shall be reimbursed from the court automation fund for their actual~~  
49 ~~expenses in performing their official duties on the committee]~~ **at any time.**

50 4. Any purchase of computer software or computer hardware that exceeds five  
51 thousand dollars shall be made pursuant to the requirements of the office of administration for  
52 lowest and best bid. Such bids shall be subject to acceptance by the office of administration.  
53 The court automation committee shall determine the specifications for such bids.

54 5. The court automation committee shall not require any circuit court to change any  
55 operating system in such court, unless the committee provides all ~~[necessary]~~ personnel,  
56 funds, and equipment necessary to effectuate the required changes. No judicial circuit or  
57 county may be reimbursed for any costs incurred pursuant to this subsection unless such  
58 judicial circuit or county has the approval of the court automation committee prior to  
59 incurring the specific cost.

60 6. ~~[Any]~~ **The** court automation system, including any pilot project, shall be  
61 ~~[implemented,]~~ operated and maintained in accordance with strict standards for the security  
62 and privacy of confidential judicial records, **as provided by supreme court rule.** Any  
63 person who knowingly releases information from a confidential judicial record is guilty of a  
64 class B misdemeanor. Any person who, knowing that a judicial record is confidential, uses  
65 information from such confidential record for financial gain is guilty of a class E felony.

66 7. ~~[On the first day of February, May, August and November]~~ **No later than the**  
67 **fifteenth of January** of each year, the court automation committee shall **electronically** file a  
68 report on the progress of the statewide **court** automation system with **the chairs of the**  
69 **following committees:**

- 70 (1) The ~~[chair of the]~~ house budget committee, **or its successor committee;**  
71 (2) The ~~[chair of the]~~ senate appropriations committee, **or its successor committee;**  
72 (3) The ~~[chair of the]~~ house judiciary committee, **or its successor committee;** and  
73 (4) The ~~[chair of the]~~ senate judiciary committee, **or its successor committee.**

74 ~~[8. The court automation committee established pursuant to this section may continue~~  
75 ~~to function until completion of its duties prescribed by this section.]~~

478.003. 1. In any judicial circuit of this state, a majority of the judges of the circuit  
2 court may designate a judge to hear cases arising in the circuit subject to the provisions of

3 sections 478.001 to 478.009. In lieu thereof and subject to appropriations or other funds  
4 available for such purpose, a majority of the judges of the circuit court may appoint a person  
5 or persons to act as treatment court commissioners. Each commissioner shall be appointed  
6 for a term of four years, but may be removed at any time by a majority of the judges of the  
7 circuit court. The qualifications, compensation, and retirement benefits of the commissioner  
8 shall be the same as that of an associate circuit judge. If the compensation of a commissioner  
9 appointed pursuant to this section is provided from other than state funds, the source of such  
10 fund shall pay to and reimburse the state for the actual costs of the salary and benefits of the  
11 commissioner. The commissioner shall have all the powers and duties of a circuit judge,  
12 except that any order, judgment or decree of the commissioner shall be confirmed or rejected  
13 by an associate circuit or circuit judge by order of record entered within the time the judge  
14 could set aside such order, judgment or decree had the same been made by the judge. If so  
15 confirmed, the order, judgment or decree shall have the same effect as if made by the judge on  
16 the date of its confirmation.

17         2. The Missouri supreme court may assign a treatment court commissioner to serve in  
18 the treatment court division of a circuit other than the circuit in which the commissioner is  
19 appointed. The transfer shall only be ordered with the consent and approval of the presiding  
20 judge of the circuit to which the commissioner is to be assigned.

21         3. A treatment court commissioner may serve as a commissioner in any treatment  
22 court as designated by the treatment court coordinating commission, subject to local court  
23 rules.

24         **4. In each circuit having a treatment court division that has neither a treatment**  
25 **court administrator nor a treatment court commissioner, the court shall employ a**  
26 **treatment court administrator, subject to appropriations or other funds available for**  
27 **such purpose. If the compensation of an administrator employed pursuant to this**  
28 **subsection is provided from other than state funds, the source of such funds shall pay to**  
29 **and reimburse the state for the actual costs of the salary and benefits of the**  
30 **administrator.**

478.385. There shall be four circuit judges in the seventh judicial circuit [~~consisting~~  
2 ~~of the county of Clay~~]. **Beginning in fiscal year 2028, there shall be five circuit judges in**  
3 **the seventh judicial circuit.**

478.387. There shall be twenty-four circuit judges in the twenty-second judicial  
2 circuit [~~consisting of the city of St. Louis~~].

478.550. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the twenty-third judicial circuit  
2 [~~consisting of the county of Jefferson~~]. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two,  
3 three and four. Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the twenty-  
4 third judicial district and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four,

5 five, and six. The division eleven associate circuit judge position and the division twelve  
6 associate circuit judge shall become circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007. The  
7 division eleven associate circuit judge shall be numbered as division five and the division  
8 twelve associate circuit judge shall be numbered as division six.

9         2. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judges in  
10 divisions one and four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division two shall be  
11 elected in 1984. The circuit judges in divisions five and six shall be elected for a six-year  
12 term in 2006.

13         3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner position in the twenty-  
14 third judicial district appointed under section 487.020 shall become an associate circuit judge  
15 position in all respects and shall be designated as division eleven. This position may retain  
16 the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judge in  
17 division eleven shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit  
18 judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate  
19 circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

20         4. Beginning January 1, 2007, the treatment court commissioner position in the  
21 twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate  
22 circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division twelve. This position  
23 may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the treatment court. The associate  
24 circuit judge in division twelve shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This  
25 associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing  
26 additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

27         **5. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, there shall be one additional associate circuit**  
28 **judgeship in the twenty-third judicial circuit. This associate circuit judgeship shall not**  
29 **be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit**  
30 **judgeships per county under section 478.320. The governor shall appoint such judge,**  
31 **and that judge shall serve until January 1, 2029. An associate circuit judge shall be**  
32 **elected in 2028 and every four years thereafter.**

478.600. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit. These  
2 judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. Beginning on January 1,  
3 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit and these judges shall sit  
4 in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The division five associate  
5 circuit judge position and the division seven associate circuit judge position shall become  
6 circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and  
7 seven. **Beginning January 1, 2029, there shall be seven circuit judges in the eleventh**  
8 **judicial circuit, and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four,**  
9 **five, seven, and seventeen.**

10           2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in  
11 division four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in  
12 1984. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1992. The circuit judges in  
13 divisions five and seven shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006. **The circuit judge in  
14 division seventeen shall be elected in 2028 for a two-year term and thereafter in 2030 for  
15 a six-year term and every six years thereafter.**

16           3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in the  
17 eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020 shall become associate circuit judge  
18 positions in all respects and shall be designated as divisions nine and ten respectively. These  
19 positions may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The  
20 associate circuit judges in divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year  
21 terms.

22           4. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the treatment court commissioner position in the  
23 eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate circuit  
24 judge position in all respects. Such associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2006 for a full  
25 four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula  
26 for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

27           5. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge  
28 position in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2016.  
29 This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing  
30 additional circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320. Beginning in fiscal year  
31 2019, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in the eleventh judicial  
32 circuit. The associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2020. This associate circuit judgeship  
33 shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional circuit judgeships per  
34 county under section 478.320. **Beginning in fiscal year 2028, there shall be two additional  
35 associate circuit judge positions in the eleventh judicial circuit. The associate circuit  
36 judges shall be elected in 2028 and every four years thereafter. These associate circuit  
37 judgeships shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional  
38 associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.**

          478.630. 1. There shall be two circuit judges in the twentieth judicial circuit  
2 [~~consisting of the counties of Franklin, Gasconade and Osage~~]. These judges shall sit in  
3 divisions numbered one and two.

4           2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in  
5 division one shall be elected in 1982.

6           **3. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, there shall be one additional associate circuit  
7 judgeship in Franklin County. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in  
8 the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judges per county as**

9 **provided under section 478.320. The governor shall appoint such judge, and that judge**  
10 **shall serve until January 1, 2029. An associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2028 and**  
11 **every four years thereafter.**

478.700. 1. There shall be [~~two~~] **three** circuit judges in the twenty-fifth judicial  
2 circuit [~~consisting of the counties of Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas~~]. These judges shall  
3 sit in divisions numbered one [~~and~~], **two, and three. These judgeships shall include the**  
4 **circuit judgeship created in fiscal year 2026 under section 478.330.**

5 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in  
6 division one shall be elected in 1982. **The circuit judge appointed by the governor in 2025**  
7 **for division three shall serve until January 1, 2029. A circuit judge for division three**  
8 **shall be elected in 2028 for a four-year term and in 2032 for a full six-year term and**  
9 **every six years thereafter.**

478.705. 1. There shall be three circuit judges in the twenty-sixth judicial circuit  
2 [~~consisting of the counties of Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan~~]. These judges  
3 shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, and three.

4 2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in  
5 division one shall be elected in 1982. The governor shall appoint a judge for division three  
6 and notwithstanding the provisions of section 105.030, that judge shall serve until January 1,  
7 2021. A judge for division three shall be elected in 2020.

8 **3. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, there shall be one additional associate circuit**  
9 **judgeship in Miller County. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the**  
10 **statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judges per county as**  
11 **provided under section 478.320. The governor shall appoint such judge, and that judge**  
12 **shall serve until January 1, 2029. An associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2028 and**  
13 **every four years thereafter.**

483.005. As used in this chapter and section 476.055, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Case record", all records in a case file relating to a specific case or  
3 controversy, as defined in supreme court rule;
- 4 (2) "Confidential information":
  - 5 (a) The full date of birth of any party or minor child;
  - 6 (b) The full Social Security number of any party or any minor child;
  - 7 (c) The driver's license number, state identification number, taxpayer  
8 identification number, and passport number of any party;
  - 9 (d) The full financial institution account number, credit or debit card number,  
10 personal identification number, or password used to secure any such accounts or cards,  
11 of any party;

12 (e) **The name and address of any individual who is known to be a minor child**  
 13 **and, if applicable, any next friend of the minor child; or**

14 (f) **Any other information sealed, expunged, or closed under statute, supreme**  
 15 **court rule, or order of a court of record;**

16 (3) **"Confidential record" or "confidential judicial record", as such term is**  
 17 **defined in Missouri supreme court rules;**

18 (4) **"Minor child", a person under eighteen years of age, except for:**

19 (a) **An emancipated minor as defined in section 302.178;**

20 (b) **A juvenile who has been certified to stand trial as an adult for offenses under**  
 21 **section 211.071; or**

22 (c) **A juvenile fifteen and one-half years of age or older who is alleged to have**  
 23 **violated a state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation.**

483.082. 1. Notwithstanding ~~the provision of~~ any other ~~statute~~ **provision of law**  
 2 to the contrary, it shall be the duty of the clerks of all courts to keep such records of the courts  
 3 and in such a manner as may be directed by rule of the supreme court so that they shall  
 4 accurately record all essential matters relating to the causes and matters within the jurisdiction  
 5 of the court which are and have been pending before the court, including pleadings, motions  
 6 and related documents, transactions, orders and judgments or decrees related thereto showing  
 7 the course and disposition of causes and matters, the taxing and collection of court costs, and  
 8 the setting of trial calendars or dockets of pending cases.

9 2. Recognizing that improved methods and systems of keeping records and data have  
 10 been and will continue to be developed from time to time and that all court clerks should be  
 11 empowered to utilize improved methods, systems, and techniques of keeping records of  
 12 essential matters, and notwithstanding ~~the provisions of any other statute~~ **any other**  
 13 **provision of law** to the contrary, the methods, form, and systems of keeping all such files and  
 14 records shall be as directed and approved by rule of the supreme court.

15 **3. Subject to the provisions of the supreme court rules and the supervisory**  
 16 **jurisdiction of the supreme court, confidential information and confidential records in a**  
 17 **case record shall be maintained so as to be inaccessible to the general public under**  
 18 **supreme court rules governing access to records of the judicial branch of Missouri.**

487.020. 1. In each circuit or a county having a family court, a majority of the circuit  
 2 and associate circuit judges en banc, in the circuit, may appoint commissioners, subject to  
 3 appropriations, to hear family court cases and make findings as provided for in sections  
 4 487.010 to 487.190. Any person serving as a commissioner of the juvenile division of the  
 5 circuit court on August 28, 1993, shall become a commissioner of the family court. In each  
 6 circuit or a county therein having a family court, a majority of the circuit and associate circuit  
 7 judges en banc may appoint, in addition to those commissioners serving as commissioners of

8 the juvenile division and becoming commissioners of the family court pursuant to the  
9 provisions of sections 487.020 to 487.040, no more than three additional commissioners to  
10 hear family court cases and make findings and recommendations as provided in sections  
11 487.010 to 487.190, **except that, beginning in fiscal year 2028, the twenty-fifth judicial**  
12 **circuit may instead appoint no more than four additional commissioners.** The number of  
13 additional commissioners added as a result of the provisions of sections 487.010 to 487.190  
14 may be appointed only to the extent that the state is reimbursed for the salaries of the  
15 commissioners as provided in sections 487.010 to 487.190 or by federal or county funds or by  
16 gifts or grants made for such purposes. A commissioner shall be appointed for a term of four  
17 years. Commissioners appointed pursuant to sections 487.020 to 487.040 shall serve in  
18 addition to circuit judges, associate circuit court judges and commissioners authorized to hear  
19 actions classified under section 487.080.

20 2. The circuit courts in the **seventh judicial circuit, the** eleventh judicial circuit, the  
21 thirteenth judicial circuit, and the thirty-first judicial circuit may, in substitution of each  
22 family court commissioner currently appointed pursuant to this section whose salary is  
23 reimbursable, appoint a family court commissioner whose compensation shall be payable by  
24 the state without necessity of reimbursement. The provisions of this subsection shall not be  
25 construed to allow appointment of a family court commissioner in the eleventh judicial circuit  
26 in addition to the number of such family court commissioners holding office in the eleventh  
27 judicial circuit as of January 1, 1999. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed  
28 to allow appointment of a family court commissioner in the thirteenth judicial circuit or the  
29 thirty-first judicial circuit in addition to the number of such family court commissioners  
30 holding office in such circuits as of January 1, 2013. **The provisions of this subsection shall**  
31 **not be construed to allow appointment of a family court commissioner in the seventh**  
32 **judicial circuit in addition to the number of such family court commissioners holding**  
33 **office in the seventh judicial circuit as of January 1, 2027.** The appointment of the state-  
34 paid commissioner shall be subject to appropriations for such purpose.

35 3. Each commissioner of the family court shall possess the same qualifications as a  
36 circuit judge. The compensation and retirement benefits of each commissioner shall be the  
37 same as that of an associate circuit judge, payable in the same manner and from the same  
38 source as that of an associate circuit judge.

488.012. 1. Beginning July 1, 1997, the clerk of each court of this state responsible  
2 for collecting court costs shall collect the court costs authorized by statute, in such amounts as  
3 are authorized by supreme court rule adopted pursuant to sections 488.010 to 488.020. Court  
4 costs due and payable prior to July 1, 1997, shall not be affected by the adoption of this rule.

5 2. The supreme court shall set the amount of court costs authorized by statute, at  
6 levels to produce revenue which shall not substantially exceed the total of the proportion of

7 the costs associated with administration of the judicial system defrayed by fees,  
8 miscellaneous charges and surcharges.

9 3. Prior to adjustment by the supreme court, the following fees, costs and charges  
10 shall be collected:

11 (1) Five dollars for the filing of a lien, pursuant to section 429.090;

12 (2) Ten dollars for maintaining child support enforcement records, pursuant to section  
13 452.345;

14 (3) Ten dollars for a notice to a judgment creditor of a distributee, pursuant to section  
15 473.618;

16 (4) Three dollars for receiving and keeping a will, pursuant to section 474.510;

17 (5) ~~Seven~~ **Ten** dollars for the statewide court automation fund, pursuant to section  
18 488.027;

19 (6) Twelve dollars for municipal court costs, fifteen dollars for municipal ordinance  
20 violations filed before an associate circuit judge and thirty dollars for applications for a trial  
21 de novo of a municipal ordinance violation, pursuant to section 479.260;

22 (7) Five dollars for small claims court cases where less than one hundred dollars is in  
23 dispute, and ten dollars in all other small claims court cases, pursuant to section 482.345;

24 (8) Fifty dollars for appeals, pursuant to section 483.500;

25 (9) Fifteen dollars in misdemeanor cases where there is no application for trial de  
26 novo, pursuant to section 483.530;

27 (10) Forty-five dollars for applications for a trial de novo for misdemeanor cases,  
28 pursuant to section 483.530;

29 (11) Fifteen dollars for each preliminary hearing in felony cases, pursuant to section  
30 483.530;

31 (12) Thirty dollars for each information or indictment filed in felony cases, pursuant  
32 to section 483.530;

33 (13) Fifteen dollars for each associate circuit court case filed, and one dollar for each  
34 additional summons issued in such cases, pursuant to section 483.530;

35 (14) Forty-five dollars for applications for trial de novo from small claims court and  
36 associate circuit court and forty-five dollars for filing of other cases, pursuant to section  
37 483.530;

38 (15) One dollar and fifty cents for a certificate of naturalization, pursuant to section  
39 483.535;

40 (16) When letters are applied for in probate proceedings, pursuant to section 483.580,  
41 when the value of the estate is:

42 (a) Less than \$10,000 \$ 75.00

43 (b) From \$10,000 to \$25,000 115.00

- 44 (c) From \$25,000 to \$50,000 155.00  
45 (d) From \$50,000 to \$100,000 245.00  
46 (e) From \$100,000 to \$500,000 305.00  
47 (f) More than \$500,000 365.00;
- 48 (17) Thirty dollars for each additional twelve months a decedent's estate remains  
49 open, pursuant to section 483.580;
- 50 (18) In proceedings regarding guardianships and conservatorships, pursuant to  
51 section 483.580:
- 52 (a) Twenty-five dollars for each grant of letters for guardianship of a minor;  
53 (b) Fifty dollars for each grant of letters for guardianship of an incapacitated person;  
54 (c) Sixty dollars for each grant of letters for guardianship of the person and  
55 conservatorship of the estate of a minor;
- 56 (d) Twenty-five dollars for each additional twelve months a conservatorship of a  
57 minor's estate case remains open;
- 58 (e) Seventy-five dollars for each grant of letters in guardianship and conservatorship  
59 of incapacitated persons and their estates;
- 60 (f) Thirty dollars for each additional twelve months an incapacitated person's case  
61 remains open;
- 62 (19) Fifteen dollars for issuing orders refusing to grant letters to a spouse or an  
63 unmarried minor child and thirty dollars for a certified copy of such orders, pursuant to  
64 section 483.580;
- 65 (20) In probate proceedings, pursuant to section 483.580:
- 66 (a) Thirty-five dollars for the collection of small estates;  
67 (b) Thirty-five dollars for involuntary hospitalization proceedings;  
68 (c) Thirty dollars for proceedings to determine heirship;  
69 (d) Fifteen dollars for assessment of estate taxes where no letters are granted;  
70 (e) Fifty dollars for proceedings for the sale of real estate by a nonresident  
71 conservator;
- 72 (f) Forty dollars for proceedings to dispense with administration;  
73 (g) Twenty dollars for proceedings to dispense with conservatorship;  
74 (h) Twenty-five dollars for admitting a will to probate;  
75 (i) One dollar per copied page and one dollar and fifty cents per certificate;
- 76 (21) One dollar and fifty cents per page for testimony transcription, pursuant to  
77 section 488.2250;
- 78 (22) Fifteen dollars for court reporters, pursuant to section 488.2253;
- 79 (23) Three dollars for witness fees per day, and four dollars when the witness must  
80 travel to another county, pursuant to section 491.280.

488.027. 1. In addition to all other court costs provided by law, in all civil cases filed  
2 in the circuit courts of this state and in all criminal cases including violations of any  
3 municipal or county ordinance heard by an associate circuit judge or any violation of criminal  
4 or traffic laws of this state, including an infraction, a fee in an amount determined pursuant to  
5 sections 488.015 to 488.020 shall be assessed as costs, except that, no such fee shall be  
6 collected in any proceeding involving a violation of an ordinance or state law when a criminal  
7 proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs are waived or are to  
8 be paid by the state, county or municipality.

9 2. The moneys collected by clerks of the courts pursuant to the provisions of this  
10 section shall be collected and disbursed as provided by sections 488.010 to 488.020. All such  
11 moneys shall be payable to the director of revenue, who shall deposit all amounts collected  
12 pursuant to this section to the credit of the statewide court automation fund which is  
13 established in section 476.055.

14 3. The assessment of court costs authorized by this section shall apply to all cases  
15 filed on or after September 1, 1994.

16 **4. Beginning July 1, 2027, and on July first of each year thereafter, apart from**  
17 **any adjustment as provided in section 488.012, the fee authorized under subsection 1 of**  
18 **this section shall be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index**  
19 **for All Urban Consumers, as defined and officially recorded by the United States**  
20 **Department of Labor or its successor. Such annual adjustment shall apply to all cases**  
21 **filed on or after July first of the year in which the adjustment was made.**

488.426. 1. The judges of the circuit court, en banc, in any circuit in this state may  
2 require any party filing a civil case in the circuit court, at the time of filing the suit, to deposit  
3 with the clerk of the court a surcharge in addition to all other deposits required by law or court  
4 rule. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or  
5 are to be paid by the county or state or any city.

6 2. The surcharge in effect on August 28, 2001, shall remain in effect until changed by  
7 the circuit court. The circuit court in any circuit, except the circuit court in Jackson County,  
8 **the circuit court in the city of St. Louis**, or the circuit court in any circuit that reimburses the  
9 state for the salaries of family court commissioners under and pursuant to section 487.020,  
10 may change the fee to any amount not to exceed fifteen dollars. The circuit court in Jackson  
11 County, **the circuit court in the city of St. Louis**, or the circuit court in any circuit that  
12 reimburses the state for the salaries of family court commissioners under and pursuant to  
13 section 487.020 may change the fee to any amount not to exceed twenty dollars. A change in  
14 the fee shall become effective and remain in effect until further changed.

15 3. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived  
16 or are paid by the county or state or any city.

17 ~~[4. In addition to any fee authorized by subsection 1 of this section, any county of the~~  
 18 ~~first classification with more than one hundred one thousand but fewer than one hundred~~  
 19 ~~fifteen thousand inhabitants may impose an additional fee of ten dollars excluding cases~~  
 20 ~~concerning adoption and those in small claims court. The provisions of this subsection shall~~  
 21 ~~expire on December 31, 2019.]~~

509.520. 1. Notwithstanding any **other** provision of law to the contrary, beginning  
 2 August 28, ~~[2023]~~ **2026**, pleadings, attachments, **or** exhibits filed with the court in any case,  
 3 as well as any judgments ~~[or orders]~~ issued by the court, ~~[or other records of the court]~~ shall  
 4 not include ~~[the following confidential and personal identifying information]:~~

5 (1) The full Social Security number of any party or any child **who is the subject of**  
 6 **an order of custody or support; or**

7 (2) The full credit card number~~[- financial institution account number, personal~~  
 8 ~~identification number, or password used to secure an account]~~ **or other financial account**  
 9 **number** of any party~~;~~

10 (3) ~~The full motor vehicle operator license number;~~

11 (4) ~~Victim information, including the name, address, and other contact information of~~  
 12 ~~the victim;~~

13 (5) ~~Witness information, including the name, address, and other contact information~~  
 14 ~~of the witness;~~

15 (6) ~~Any other full state identification number;~~

16 (7) The name, address, and date of birth of a minor and, if applicable, any next friend;

17 ~~or~~

18 (8) ~~The full date of birth of any party; however, the year of birth shall be made~~  
 19 ~~available, except for a minor.~~

20 ~~2. The information provided under subsection 1 of this section shall be provided in a~~  
 21 ~~confidential information filing sheet contemporaneously filed with the court or entered by the~~  
 22 ~~court, which shall not be subject to public inspection or availability.~~

23 ~~3. Nothing in this section shall preclude an entity including, but not limited to, a~~  
 24 ~~financial institution, insurer, insurance support organization, or consumer reporting agency~~  
 25 ~~that is otherwise permitted by law to access state court records from using a person's unique~~  
 26 ~~identifying information to match such information contained in a court record to validate that~~  
 27 ~~person's record.~~

28 ~~4. The Missouri supreme court shall promulgate rules to administer this section].~~

29 ~~[5.]~~ **2.** Contemporaneously with the filing of every petition for dissolution of  
 30 marriage, legal separation, motion for modification, action to establish paternity, and petition  
 31 or motion for support or custody of a minor child, the filing party shall file a confidential case  
 32 filing sheet with the court which shall not be subject to public inspection and which provides:

33 (1) The name and address of the current employer and the Social Security number of  
34 the petitioner or movant, if a person;

35 (2) If known to the petitioner or movant, the name and address of the current  
36 employer and the Social Security number of the respondent; and

37 (3) The names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of any children subject to  
38 the action.

39 ~~[6-]~~ 3. Contemporaneously with the filing of every responsive pleading petition for  
40 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, motion for modification, action to establish  
41 paternity, and petition or motion for support or custody of a minor child, the responding party  
42 shall file a confidential case filing sheet with the court which shall not be subject to public  
43 inspection and which provides:

44 (1) The name and address of the current employer and the Social Security number of  
45 the responding party, if a person;

46 (2) If known to the responding party, the name and address of the current employer  
47 and the Social Security number of the petitioner or movant; and

48 (3) The names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of any children subject to  
49 the action.

50 ~~[7-]~~ 4. The full Social Security number of any party or child subject to an order of  
51 custody or support shall be retained by the court on the confidential case filing sheet or other  
52 confidential record maintained in conjunction with the administration of the case. The full  
53 credit card number or other financial account number of any party may be retained by the  
54 court on a confidential record if it is necessary to maintain the number in conjunction with the  
55 administration of the case.

56 ~~[8-]~~ 5. Any document described in subsection 1 of this section shall, in lieu of the full  
57 number, include only the last four digits of any such number.

58 ~~[9-]~~ 6. Except as provided in section 452.430, the clerk shall not be required to redact  
59 any document described in subsection 1 of this section issued or filed before August 28, 2009,  
60 prior to releasing the document to the public.

61 ~~[10-]~~ 7. For good cause shown, the court may release information contained on the  
62 confidential case filing sheet; except that, any state agency acting under authority of chapter  
63 454 shall have access to information contained herein without court order in carrying out their  
64 official duty.

**610.144. 1. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri  
2 Expungement Fund", which shall consist of moneys deposited into the fund from any  
3 source including, but not limited to, gifts, donations, grants, and bequests. The state  
4 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180,  
5 the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and,**

6 upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely as provided in subsection 2  
7 of this section.

8 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys  
9 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
10 general revenue fund.

11 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as  
12 other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
13 credited to the fund.

14 2. The office of state courts administrator, the department of public safety, and  
15 the information technology services division within the office of administration shall  
16 expend moneys from the fund, upon appropriation, on the statewide court automation  
17 system and the Missouri criminal history record information system established under  
18 sections 43.500 to 43.530 for one or more of the following purposes:

19 (1) Expenses that may be incurred to develop, establish, maintain, or operate  
20 any information technology equipment, software, systems, or services associated with  
21 the expungement or closing of records under Missouri law, including the development  
22 and implementation of any technology-assisted, state-initiated bulk expungement or  
23 sealing of records under Missouri law; or

24 (2) The cost of necessary personnel or contractors.

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