

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Senator Dowd**

**A BILL ACT 262 OF 1991**  
**SENATE BILL 283**

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL COURTS TO COLLECT A FILING  
9 FEE FOR WRITS OF GARNISHMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that due to a recent  
14 constitutional amendment and subsequent legislative enactments increasing the  
15 jurisdictional limit of municipal courts, case filings have increased  
16 substantially. The General Assembly further finds that municipal courts are  
17 issuing and filing writs of garnishment, for which no fee is currently  
18 authorized, in such numbers that a strain is being placed on the  
19 administration of these courts. The General Assembly also finds that circuit  
20 courts are authorized to collect ten dollars (\$10.00) for filing similar  
21 actions. It is therefore the intent of the General Assembly to authorize  
22 municipal courts to collect a fee for filing and issuing writs of  
23 garnishments.

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25 SECTION 2. The municipal court clerk shall collect a fee of ten dollars  
26 (\$10.00) for filing or issuing writs of garnishment. This fee is in addition  
27 to those fees and costs established by law for specific purposes, or where  
28 authorized by the county quorum court or municipality.

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30 SECTION 3. All funds derived from such fee shall be used for any  
31 permissible use in the administration of the municipal court.

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33 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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