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2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 626

4
5 By: Senator Everett

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL COURTS TO ACCEPT PAYMENT OF
10 FINES AND ASSOCIATED COSTS BY AN APPROVED CREDIT CARD; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL COURTS TO ACCEPT
15 PAYMENT OF FINES AND ASSOCIATED COSTS BY
16 AN APPROVED CREDIT CARD"

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

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20 SECTION 1. (a) All municipal courts may accept payment of fines and
21 associated costs by an approved credit card.

22 (b)(1) All municipal courts are authorized to enter into contracts with
23 credit card companies and to pay those companies fees normally charged by
24 those companies for allowing the court to accept their credit cards in payment
25 as authorized by subsection (a) of this section.

26 (2)(A) Where the offender pays fines by an approved credit card,
27 the court shall assess a service fee equal to the amount charged to the court
28 by the credit card issuer.

29 (B) This charge may be added to, and become a part of, any
30 underlying obligation.

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32 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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36 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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