

SESSION OF 2002

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE BILL NO. 2802**

As Agreed to May 8, 2002

Brief *

HB 2802 increases the fee in municipal court cases from the current \$7 to \$9; raises court costs for county courts under the county court for enforcement of county codes law; and raises docket fees by \$1 in criminal, civil, and probate cases and by \$.50 in traffic cases, and earmarks these increased fees for funding of the Kansas Judicial Council budget.

There is a three-year sunset on the docket fee increase for the Kansas Judicial Council and to a contingent effective date if general fund money is not appropriated.

The increased municipal court and county court fees will be placed in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) Fund. Further, the bill removes the sunset provision regarding district court docket fees, a \$1 increase, that are credited to the KLTEC Fund.

In addition, the county court for enforcement of county codes and resolutions law raises the amount of court costs for county cases from the current \$1 to \$20. Two dollars of the increase will go to the State Treasurer and the remainder will go to the county general fund of the county where they are imposed. Counties over 300,000 population may have established a county court for enforcement of county codes and resolutions within the district court system.

Background

The House Committee of the Whole amended the county court for enforcement of county codes and resolutions law to raise the amount of court costs for county cases from the current \$1 to \$20. Two dollars

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Senate Committee Action. The docket fee amendment by the Senate Judiciary Committee is designed to raise approximately \$280,000 to replace the State General Fund appropriation for the Kansas Judicial Council's budget.

Conference Committee Action. The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill. The Conference Committee further agrees to a three-year sunset on the docket fee increase for the Kansas Judicial Council and to a contingent effective date if general fund money is not appropriated.