

HOUSE BILL NO. 1207

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Disrud, Kingsbury, Kretschmar, Maragos

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-05.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to receipt of fees and other moneys by clerks of district court and the creation of a
3 special fund; to provide for a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05.2-04 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **27-05.2-04. (Effective ~~January 1, 2001~~, through December 31, 2002) Clerk to keep**
8 **record of fees - Monthly report to county auditor or state treasurer - Continuing**
9 **appropriation.** The clerk of the district court shall keep a public record of all money received
10 as fees for services rendered as clerk. Within three days after the close of each calendar
11 month, and also at the close of the clerk's term of office for a clerk who has not become a state
12 employee under subsection 3 or 4 of section 27-05.2-02, the clerk shall file with the county
13 auditor a statement under oath showing the amount of fees received as clerk since the date of
14 the clerk's last report and within three days thereafter the clerk shall deposit with the county
15 treasurer the total sum of such fees which must be used for facilities, except fees that the clerk
16 is directed to deposit with the state treasurer or is authorized expressly to retain. Within three
17 days after the close of each calendar month, a clerk who has become a state employee under
18 subsection 3 or 4 of section 27-05.2-02 shall file with the state treasurer a statement under oath
19 showing the amount of fees received by the clerk since the date of the clerk's last report.
20 Within three days thereafter, the clerk shall deposit with the state treasurer the total sum of fees
21 required to be deposited in the general fund or in a designated special fund. The clerk shall
22 forward to the county treasurer any fees received under section 27-05.2-03 which are not
23 required to be deposited in the state general fund or a designated special fund. Those fees
24 must be used for facilities. ~~The clerk may establish a special account in the Bank of North~~

~~Dakota or in a banking institution designated as a depository of public funds under chapter~~
~~21-04~~ A special court receivables fund is established in the state treasury for purposes of
depositing any money received by the clerk which is not required to be deposited in the state
general fund, a ~~designated~~ different special fund, or the county treasury and which is received
as bail or restitution, or otherwise received pursuant to an order of the court. ~~The clerk shall~~
~~make payments from the special account~~ Moneys in the special fund are appropriated to the
judicial branch on a continuing basis for purposes of refunding bail, forwarding restitution
amounts to the entitled recipient, or otherwise making payments as directed by an order of the
court. To facilitate making payments from the special fund, the clerk may establish a special
account in the Bank of North Dakota or in a banking institution designated as a depository of
public funds under chapter 21-04. If money deposited as bail is forfeited, the clerk shall submit
the appropriate sum to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund. If the clerk is
unable to make payments from the special account because the address of the recipient is
unknown or the recipient cannot otherwise be located, the clerk shall dispose of the deposited
money in accordance with chapter 47-30.1.

(Effective January 1, 2003) Clerk to keep record of fees - Monthly report to county
auditor or state treasurer - Continuing appropriation. A clerk of the district court providing
clerk services in accordance with subsection 2 or 6 of section 27-05.2-02 shall keep a public
record of all money received as fees for services rendered as clerk. Within three days after the
close of each calendar month, the clerk shall file with the county auditor a statement under oath
showing the amount of fees received as clerk since the date of the clerk's last report and within
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16 chapter 47-30.1.

17 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.