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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill deals with filing fees charged by the Secretary of State's office for filing two rarely-filed types of documents.

#### Section

- 1** **Definition.** Eliminates a \$150 filing fee for declarations of trust. (The Secretary of State's office says these documents are rarely filed and that the cost of programming the payment and tracking software to deal with this type of document exceeds the fees collected. So, this bill makes the fee zero.)
- 2** **Nonresident; agent to accept service.** Changes the filing fee charged to a nonresident of this state who owns an interest in Minnesota real estate and who files a document appointing an agent to accept service of process on the nonresident in regard to the real estate. This would involve a situation in which the nonresident is sued or otherwise becomes involved in litigation or other court proceeding involving the real estate. The existing fee of 15 cents per "folio" on this now rarely-filed type of document was set prior to 1906 on the archaic "folio" basis, which is difficult and costly to administer. A "folio" is 100 words, so determining the fee requires counting the number of words in the document. This section changes the fee to a flat \$50.