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Overview

This bill authorizes a county board to establish a court security fee, not to exceed \$15, to be collected in civil and criminal matters in district court. (The process is similar to law library fees.) For criminal cases, the fee would be imposed only once per case and must be imposed whether the sentence is imposed or stayed. If a person is convicted of a petty misdemeanor for which no fine is imposed or a fine is paid without a court appearance, no fee may be imposed.

The court security fee is paid to the county treasurer or auditor and may be disbursed at the direction of the county board. The bill outlines the purposes for which the funds may be used, including purchasing, repairing, upgrading, and maintaining security equipment, systems, and devices and related personnel and training expenses. Funds may not be used to supplant existing budgets for bailiffs or court facility operating expenses.