

Subject Limiting fees for uncertified and online copies of court documents

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Overview

Minnesota statute requires the courts to charge for both uncertified and certified copies of court records. The fees are deposited in the state's general fund. Historically, records were only available to the public by going to the courthouse to review files and obtain copies. The courts updated their online system and have begun implementing the Minnesota Court Records Online (MCRO) system. MCRO permits individuals to view and download documents through an online portal. Since its introduction, MCRO has not had the capacity to charge individuals to view and download records, but the courts have indicated that they intend to begin charging individuals in the near future. This bill would limit the fee for copies of uncertified records to the cost of producing those records and eliminate the fee to view or download records available to the public through MCRO.

Summary

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| 1 | Fee amounts.
Limits the fee for an uncertified court document to the cost of producing that document, limits the maximum fee to \$8, and prohibits charging a fee to view or download documents that are available on an online platform for public access to district court records. |
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