

Press Release

Updated: Court Fines and Fees to Increase July 1st

Senate Bill 1790, commonly known as the “fee bill,” has been signed by Governor Charlie Crist and goes into effect July 1, 2008.

Dwight E. Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Collier County, wants the public to know that court related filing fees, fines and service costs will increase throughout the State of Florida.

“The new law raises a large number of filing fees and court costs” said Dwight “and will have long term implications on the entire court system.” Dwight believes that access to the courts will cost citizens more.

As just one example, civil filing fees will go from \$250.00 to \$295.00; tenant evictions from \$70.00 to \$295.00. In addition, defendants who file a counterclaim will pay another \$295.00, as will those making third party pleadings.

In addition to the statewide mandated increases, there are county specific charges that vary from county to county.

The attached summary document* provided to the Clerk’s Office from Tallahassee lists only the statewide increases not the county specific charges.

The summary document was provided to the Clerk’s Office from Tallahassee, and therefore, the Clerk’s Office **cannot guarantee the complete accuracy of all the data.*

The public will be able to view all of the updated fine and fee information for Collier County on the Clerk’s official website on June 30th.

Go to CollierClerk.com, click on the “Fees” in the “Quicklinks” on the Homepage to access all of the latest charges.

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