

**HF1007 - 0 - Court Filing Fees Not Applicable; Indian Tribes**

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-

**Bill Description**

This bill amends section 357.021, subd. 1a to except federally recognized Indian tribes and their representatives from paying any fees in the section in an action for:

- (1) child support enforcement or modification, medical assistance enforcement, or establishment of parentage in the district court or in a proceeding under section 484.702;
- (2) civil commitment under chapter 253B;
- (3) the appointment of a public conservator or public guardian or any other action under chapters 252A and 525; or
- (4) court relief under chapters 260, 260A, 260B, 260C, and 260D.

**Assumptions**

Indian Tribes are parties in certain district court proceedings that involving Indian children. These cases include those identified in the bill.

All parties are required to pay fees in section 357.021, subd. 2, unless an exception applies, including \$285 civil filing fee and county law library fee (varies by county) upon filing of first paper in the case, and \$75 motion filing fee, or \$50 child support modification motion fee for motions or responses to motions filed. There is no exception in Minnesota statute that expressly applies to Indian Tribes or their representatives.

On average for FY2018-2020 Indian Tribes paid \$570 for civil filing fees; \$24 for civil law library fees; and \$50 for motion fees.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

This bill has no significant impact on fees charged and collected by the Judicial Branch.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

**Local Fiscal Impact**

The bill will not have a significant impact on law library fees collected in each county.

**References/Sources**

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