

Subject In forma pauperis; court fee waivers

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## Summary

This bill changes the current *in forma pauperis* law which is the law that allows the court to waive the filing fee and other court costs and fees for a person who is unable to pay. The current law requires an affidavit showing the nature of the financial reason that makes it so a person cannot pay the court costs and fees. The change in this bill allows a person who is represented by a civil legal services organization to not have to go through the affidavit process if the attorney can submit an affidavit indicating the person qualifies for services through legal aid based on their financial eligibility requirements and therefore qualifies for a waived court fee. This bill also changes the title of this action in statute from “in forma pauperis” to “court fee waiver.”