

Subject Eliminating the fee for uncertified 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 introduced 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 eliminate the fee for copies of uncertified records.

Summary

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1	Fee amounts.
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	Eliminates the existing \$8 fee for uncertified copies of any instrument in a civil or criminal proceeding and expressly prohibits charging a fee for such uncertified copies.
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