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# **MEMORANDUM**

(via E-Mail)

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DATE: June 28, 2011

RE: Legislative Increases in Court Costs and Fees, July 2011

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

The General Assembly has passed new legislation affecting court costs. The primary legislation affecting court costs is the 2011 budget bill, Session Law (S.L.) 2011-145<sup>2</sup> (House Bill 200, Appropriations Act of 2011, referred to herein as the "Act").

The Act is further amended by House Bill 22 (2011 Budget Technical Corrections), which was ratified on June 18, 2011, and presented to the Governor on June 20, 2011. House Bill 22 makes multiple changes to the court cost provisions of the Act, but as of the date of distribution of this memorandum and the attached chart of court costs, the Governor has not yet signed House Bill 22 into law. Because the legislature has adjourned for fewer than 30 days, if the Governor does not first sign or veto House Bill 22, it will become law without the Governor's signature at the close of June 30, 2011. In that event, House Bill 22's changes to the Act will be effective July 1, 2011, the same day as the Act's effective date for its court cost provisions.

To date, the NCAOC has been given no indication that the Governor intends to veto House Bill 22. Consequently, this memo and the court cost chart were written with the assumption that House Bill 22 will become law, and incorporate House Bill 22's provisions into the court costs information provided. If the Governor vetoes House Bill 22 subsequent to this memo's publication, the NCAOC will distribute amended information on court costs.

<sup>1</sup> We ask that clerks provide a copy of this memo to local law enforcement agencies and to personnel in your offices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The text of a session law can be found on the General Assembly's website at the link below. Select the applicable year and enter the session law number in the "Look-Up" fields at the top of the page. http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/EnactedLegislation/ELTOC.pl?sType=Law

3 See Resolution 2011-9 (Senate Joint Resolution 784) and N.C. Const. Art. 2, sec. 22(7).

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Cost changes described in this memo and the accompanying court cost chart affect filings in all case types and are effective **July 1, 2011**, unless otherwise noted for a specific cost item. All changed costs and fees **must** be collected on filings on or after that date, unless otherwise noted.

Distributed with this memo is an updated cost and fee chart, effective July 1, 2011. Please note that there are several entirely new costs in the charts, in addition to some new provisions that govern the circumstances in which costs are assessed and disbursed. The updated cost charts for 2011 and an electronic copy of this memo are available on the Administrative Office of the Courts' (NCAOC) website at <a href="https://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs">https://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs</a> and on the NCAOC intranet site at <a href="https://cis1.nccourts.org/intranet/aoc/legalservices/legalmemos/costs.jsp">https://cis1.nccourts.org/intranet/aoc/legalservices/legalmemos/costs.jsp</a>.

This will not be the only cost memo for 2011. In addition to the cost changes effective July 1, 2011, the Act contains several cost provisions that are contingent upon the passage of other legislation and which will take effect later in the year. There also are multiple enacted bills that will further affect court costs. A supplemental costs memo and updated cost chart will be distributed in advance of the effective dates of the additional cost provisions.

**Bills of costs** will be updated and made available electronically overnight on Thursday, June 30, 2011. The civil, special proceedings and estates **cover sheet forms** will be updated at the same time. <sup>6</sup> All other forms affected by the cost changes (e.g., the criminal judgment forms) will be updated during the regular forms revision cycle this Fall. PDF versions of updated forms will be available on the NCAOC's web site at <a href="http://www.nccourts.org/forms/FormSearch.asp">http://www.nccourts.org/forms/FormSearch.asp</a>.

**FMS** and **Cash Receipting** will be updated overnight when the new and increased fees take effect. Any new account numbers will be posted in the FMS Message Center at the appropriate time. **VCAP** is being updated to account for increased costs; any additional instructions, if needed, will be distributed by the VCAP team. Update instructions for **CourtFlow** will be distributed via e-mail.

New cost information will be available to **eCitation** users; it will be updated automatically on their laptops the first time they log in online after midnight, June 30. Costs will be updated for **payNCticket.org** as of July 1, but defendants who waive appearance and plead guilty or responsible via payNCticket.org for citations or other criminal processes issued prior to July 1, and who have not failed to appear for more than 20 days, will have the benefit of the "waiver exception" (see "Waiver Exception" on page three, below) and pay only the costs in effect at the time the citation or other process was issued.

A description of the changes to costs and fees is provided below. A citation of "Act § ##" indicates the relevant section number (##) of the Act that enacts or amends the cost or fee described. Other legislation affecting court costs is cited in full. The summaries below describe only cost items that are changing; it is not a comprehensive description of the costs that apply to a particular case. For the total costs to be assessed in a particular case, see the attached cost chart for each case type (criminal, civil, special proceedings, or estates).

## General Costs

Motion fee. G.S. 7A-305(f), 7A-306(g), and 7A-307(a)(4). The Act adds a new provision to the cost statutes for civil cases, special proceedings, and estates, to require a \$20.00 filing fee for every filing that contains one or more motions unless the motion (i) is listed in G.S. 7A-308 or (ii) contains as the sole claim for relief costs and/or attorney fees. This fee applies to all filings in district court civil cases, superior court civil cases, special proceedings and estate matters. Act § 31.23(b) - (d) and (g), as amended/enacted by House Bill 22, §§ 62 and 66.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See, e.g., § 31.26 of the Act, contingent upon S.L. 2011-192, House Bill 642, effective August 1, 2011, pursuant to § 7.(n) of that act. Unless further amended by subsequent legislation, new and increased fees taking effect August 1 will include criminal costs, jail fees for pretrial confinement, and civil fees for service of process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, e.g., § 4 of S.L. 2011-191 (House Bill 49, Laura's Law), effective December 1, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See memorandum "Revisions to Cover Sheet Requirements," June 28, 2011, on the AOC intranet site at <a href="https://cis1.nccourts.org/intranet/aoc/legalservices/legalmemos/civil.jsp">https://cis1.nccourts.org/intranet/aoc/legalservices/legalmemos/civil.jsp</a>, and on the NCAOC's internet web site at <a href="http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs">https://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs</a>.

The first exception applies to motions under G.S. 7A-308 with specific filing fees. The second exception applies if the motion requests **only** costs and/or attorney fees. If the filing seeks costs and/or attorney fees and also seeks some additional form of relief, the motion fee is required. The cover sheet forms for civil cases, special proceedings, and estates are being amended to provide an affirmation by the filing party when a filing contains only a motion for costs and/or attorney fees. 8

Additional exceptions to the motion fee apply to estate and certain child support cases; those exceptions are explained in detail in the civil and estate fee sections of this memo.

The motion fee applies to motions contained in any filing, including complaints, counterclaims and other subsequent pleadings. The fee is assessed per filing, not per motion, so if multiple motions are contained in one filing, only one \$20.00 motion fee should be charged. If motions are filed in separate documents (even if filed simultaneously), a separate motion fee should be charged for each such filing.

Reduction of State Bar share. G.S. 7A-304 through 7A-307. In all of the cost statutes for specific case types – criminal, civil, special proceedings, and estates – the Act reduces the \$2.05 portion of the General Court of Justice fee (GCJF) designated for the State Bar's Access to Civil Justice Fund under G.S. 7A-474.4. The \$2.05 portion is being reduced to \$1.50. Act § 31.23(a) - (d).

This does not reduce the total GCJF; it only reduces the portion of the fee remitted to the State Bar. Note that for criminal and civil cases, the Act does not change the separate, \$0.95 portion for the State Bar's Domestic Violence Victim Assistance fund under G.S. 7A-474.19, so the State Bar's total portion of the criminal and civil GCJF is \$2.45 (the reduced \$1.50, plus \$0.95).

Each of the bills of cost and the related codes in FMS are being updated to reflect the new State Bar portion of each GCJF. The State Bar portion appears on the bills of cost as the line items for "LAA" (Legal Aid Account).

- Community mediation centers change in funding. G.S. 7A-38.5. In the past, community mediation centers received funding from the General Assembly through the NCAOC. There is no longer any funding from the General Assembly, but the community mediation centers may now charge for their services. However, the Act does not authorize the clerk to receipt funds on behalf of the mediation centers, so any payment for services must be made directly by the parties to the center involved. Act § 31.24.(b). For additional changes to mediation costs in criminal cases, only, see "NEW Criminal Cost and Fee Provisions," below.
- IDS Fact Witness Appearance and Travel Fees. G.S. 7A-314 and 7A-454. All appearance and travel fees for fact witnesses, as described in G.S. 7A-314, appearing on behalf of the defense in cases wherein a public defender or an attorney has been appointed, are now the responsibility of Indigent Defense Services (IDS). In other words, IDS fact witnesses are now reimbursed in the same manner as IDS expert witnesses. All applications for appearance fees or travel reimbursements received from these witnesses should not be paid by the clerk's office. Instead, those applications should be forwarded to NCAOC's Financial Services Division for processing. Act § 31.23C, as enacted by House Bill 22, § 64.

# Criminal Costs

General Court of Justice fees increased. G.S. 7A-304(a)(4). The General Court of Justice fees (GCJF) are increased to \$129.50 for district court and \$154.50 for superior court. As explained above under "General Costs," the State Bar's total portion of the GCJF for criminal cases is being reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.45. Act § 31.23(a).

 Waiver exception. G.S. 7A-304(g). Cost changes for criminal offenses and infractions are subject to the "waiver exception" of previous years. The exception has been codified as G.S. 7A-304(g),

See footnote 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For a list, see the appendix to the court cost charts for civil, special proceedings, and estates, online at: <a href="http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp">http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp</a>.

making it effective for all future changes to criminal costs under G.S. 7A-304. Defendants who waive appearance and pay costs and fines after the effective date of any legislation that changes criminal court costs for a citation or other criminal process issued prior to the effective date of the legislation are required to pay only the lesser of the new costs or the costs specified on the defendant's copy of the process. House Bill 22, § 63.(b).

Note that a defendant who has failed to appear (FTA) as required and then failed to appear or dispose of the charge for more than 20 days thereafter (and therefore has also been assessed the FTA fee of G.S. 7A-306(a)(6)) is no longer eligible for the waiver exception and must pay the court costs in effect as of the date of disposition of the case.

- Waiver list updates. The annual list of TRAFFIC OFFENSES FOR WHICH COURT APPEARANCE MAY BE WAIVED (the traffic waiver list) will be updated by the conference of chief district court judges at their Fall meeting. Until the updated list is published, the costs for the following items on the traffic waiver list will be incorrect. Judicial officials who accept waivers under these items should assess costs and fines as described below, unless a defendant's case is subject to the waiver exception described above, in which case the defendant should be assessed the costs in effect at the time the citation or other criminal process was issued.
  - B.11. Failure to use seat belts in <u>front</u> seat. [G.S. 20-135.2A]
    The costs for adult, front seat belt offenses are limited to the General Court of Justice fee (GCJF), the phone systems fee, and the law enforcement training and certification fee. Due to the increase in the GCJF described above, the total of these three fees after July 1, 2011

to the increase in the GCJF described above, the total of these three fees after July 1, 2011, will be \$135.50. Added to the statutory fine of \$25.50, the total to waive an adult front seat belt offense will be \$161.00.

B.19. Failure to wear helmet, or having too many passengers, on motorcycle or moped. [G.S. 20-140.4]

The fine and costs for motorcycle and moped helmet and passenger offenses are the same as for adult, front seat belt offenses, so the preceding paragraph for waiver list item B.11 applies to waivers under item B.19, also.

## NEW Criminal Cost and Fee Provisions.

- No waiver of costs without finding of just cause. G.S. 7A-304(a). To date, it has been unclear how much discretion courts have had to waive some criminal costs and fees. Some statutes have dictated situations in which the court must waive a fee,<sup>9</sup> while other statutes prohibit waiver.<sup>10</sup> To the extent that most statutes for costs and fees were silent on this issue, it has been unclear whether or not, and on what standard, the court could waive costs and fees.
  - Effective July 1, 2011, G.S. 7A-304(a) is amended to provide, "Costs under this section may not be waived unless the judge makes a written finding of just cause to grant such a waiver" (emphasis added). Act § 15.10.(a).
  - The NCAOC will update the criminal judgment forms in the Fall to provide space for written findings when waiving costs. Until those updates are complete, findings of just cause to waive costs should be recorded in the available space on the current forms (generally available in the court costs section or under "The Court further Orders:").
  - The Act further requires that the NCAOC modify its criminal information systems to "maintain records of all cases in which the judge makes a finding of just cause to grant such a waiver" and that the NCAOC report annually to the General Assembly on waivers of costs. The NCAOC's Technology Services Division will begin making the necessary changes in July, and will notify users by separate communication when the means of recording such waivers have been implemented. Act § 15.10.(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> E.g., G.S. 7A-304(a)(6), which requires that the fee for a failure to appear "shall" be waived when a defendant's failure to appear was due to the fault of a criminal justice official.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> E.g., G.S. 7A-455.1(b), prohibiting remission of the attorney appointment fee for appointed counsel.

- Costs exception for active sentences repealed. G.S. 7A-304(a). Prior to July 1, 2011, court costs are not assessed against defendants with active sentences unless "the judgment specifically so provides." Effective July 1, 2011, that exception for active sentences will be deleted from G.S. 7A-304(a). For judgments entered on or after July 1, costs must be assessed against defendants with active sentences (unless the court makes written findings of just cause to waive the costs, as described above). Until the NCAOC can revise the criminal judgment forms for active sentences (AOC-CR-342, -601, and -602), the court should impose costs via the first check-box item ("☐ 1. The defendant shall pay the costs.") under "The Court further Orders:" on the relevant judgment form. Act § 15.10.(a).
- Pretrial electronic monitoring fees. G.S. 7A-313.1. Effective July 1, 2011, counties that provide electronic monitoring services for a defendant on pretrial release may collect fees from the defendant to cover the costs of the monitoring, unless the defendant is determined to be indigent and entitled to court-appointed counsel. This new statute does not create a new court cost to be collected by the clerks; there is no authority in the statute for the clerk to receipt these funds. These fees are to be paid directly by the defendant to the county providing the services. County entities providing electronic monitoring services that have questions about the fee should consult their county's counsel for assistance. The NCAOC cannot provide legal advice on this issue. S.L. 2011-378.
- <u>Criminal mediation fee changes</u>. In addition to the authority of mediation centers to charge for their services, as described under "General Costs," above, the Act makes two changes to the assessment of mediation fees in criminal matters. Act § 31.24.
  - Community mediation centers may charge for services in worthless check cases. G.S. 14-107.2(b1). The Act adds a new subsection (b1) to G.S. 14-107.2 (worthless check programs) that (i) authorizes local community mediation centers to assist the NCAOC and local district attorneys' offices in establishing worthless check programs in districts that do not have one, and (ii) allows the centers to charge fees for their services in mediating worthless check cases as part of such a program. Act § 31.24.(a).

These charges are separate from the worthless check program fee of G.S. 7A-308(c), which still must be assessed by the courts for any participant in a worthless check program (in addition to any restitution collected on behalf of the check taker). Any charges assessed by a mediation center must be paid directly by program participants to the center, not to the clerk.

Further, the clerk should **not** collect the criminal mediation fee under G.S. 7A-38.7 when a community mediation center mediates a dispute in the context of a worthless check program. The mediation fee of G.S. 7A-38.7 is assessed only for a "criminal case filed" in the courts. There is no "criminal case filed" if the check passer resolves the matter through the worthless check program, which operates as a pre-prosecution alternative. Therefore for any worthless check matter resolved through the worthless check program, whether mediated by a community mediation center or not, the clerk should collect **only** the worthless check fee of G.S. 7A-308(c) and the restitution to the check taker (for the value of the check and any service and processing fees incurred).

Criminal dispute resolution fees to new payee. Under G.S. 7A-38.7(a), defendants whose charges are resolved through a community mediation center must pay a dispute resolution fee of \$60.00. The Act does not change the fee amount, and the clerk should continue to collect the fee. However, effective July 1, 2011, the fee will not be paid to the State Treasurer, but instead will be disbursed to the Mediation Network of North Carolina in Siler City, NC. FMS will be updated by July 1 to make disbursements from the dispute resolution fee account (24315) to the new payee. Act § 31.24.(c).

#### Civil Costs

 General Court of Justice fees. G.S. 7A-305(a)(2). Effective July 1, 2011, the General Court of Justice fee (GCJF) for all civil actions will increase.

- The superior court GCJF will increase from \$125.00 to \$180.00.
- The district court GCJF will increase from \$80.00 to \$130.00.
- The magistrate (small claims) GCJF will increase from \$55.00 to \$80.00.

As explained under "General Costs" above, the State Bar portion of each GCJF will be reduced from the current \$3.00 to \$2.45 (\$1.50 for legal aid programs, plus \$0.95 for domestic violence programs). There are no changes to the special assessment for complex business cases. Act § 31.23.(b).

#### NEW Civil Cost and Fee Provisions.

- Filing fees for counterclaims and cross-claims. G.S. 7A-305(a5). Effective July 1, 2011, any pleading filed in a civil action in superior or district court, containing a counterclaim or cross-claim, must be assessed civil filing fees under G.S. 7A-305(a5), including:
  - facility fees (\$12.00 in cases before a magistrate, \$16.00 in district or superior court);
  - the phone systems fee (\$4); and
  - the General Court of Justice fee (\$80.00, \$130.00, or \$180.00, for magistrate, district, and superior courts, respectively, plus an additional \$1,000.00 if assigned to the Business Court as a complex business case).

Act § 31.23.(b)

Although specified individually in a new subsection (a5) under G.S. 7A-305, these are the same amounts as for an initial complaint in the same trial division under subsection (a) of that statute, and the fees shall be disbursed in the same manner as the fees collected for complaints under G.S. 7A-305(a).

These fees shall apply in all district and superior court civil cases, except those cases in which the **only** relief sought is under Chapter 50B or 50C of the General Statues. If a pleading contains a request for relief under Chapter 50B or 50C but also requests other relief not covered by those chapters, the filing fees must be assessed.

Fees are assessed as of the time of filing, so a counterclaim or cross-claim filed on or after July 1 must be assessed the new filing fees taking effect on that date, even if the original complaint was filed under the previous (lower) fee provisions.

- Motion fee. G.S. 7A-305(f). A new fee of \$20.00 must be assessed for any filing containing a motion in a civil action unless all motions in the filing:
  - (i) are listed in G.S. 7A-308;<sup>11</sup>
  - (ii) contain as the sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees; or
  - (iii) request relief solely under Article 9 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes.

Act § 31.23.(b), and § 31.23(g), as enacted by House Bill 22, § 66.1

For explanation of the first two exceptions, see "General Costs" on page two, above. The third exception applies only to motions seeking relief under Article 9 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes, which governs child support cases not filed under Chapter 50 of the General Statutes. This third exception means that the motion fee shall not be charged in IV-D and non-IV-D motions that request relief solely under Article 9 of Chapter 110. The exemption for child support actions does not apply to support proceedings under Chapter 50 of the General Statutes, so the fee must be assessed for motions in those cases.

In addition to the exemption for certain child support actions, because any motion filed in a proceeding under Chapter 50B of the General Statutes (e.g., for contempt for violation of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For a list, see the appendix to the civil court cost charts at: <a href="http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp">http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp</a>

order) may be necessary to the enforcement of such order, and because court costs may not be assessed for actions associated with a protective order, pursuant to G.S. 50B-2(a), the civil motion fee should **not** be assessed for motions filed for enforcement or modification of orders under Chapter 50B.

Alias & pluries and endorsement fees. G.S. 7A-308(a)(21). Effective July 1, 2011, the clerk
must assess a fee of \$15.00 for any alias and pluries summons or endorsement issued on an
original summons in a civil action. Act § 31.23.(e).

As with the motion fee described above, this fee does not apply in child support actions commenced or prosecuted pursuant to G.S. Chapter 110, Article 9. Act § 31.23.(g), as enacted by House Bill 22, § 66.1.

# Special Proceedings Costs

- General Court of Justice fees. G.S. 7A-306(a)(2). Effective July 1, 2011, the General Court of Justice fee (GCJF) for special proceedings will increase from the current \$75.00 to \$106.00. This increase does **not** apply to foreclosures (see below). As explained under "General Costs" above, the State Bar portion of the GCJF will be reduced from the current \$2.05 to \$1.50. Act § 31.23.(d).
- Foreclosure filing fees. G.S. 7A-308(a)(1). Effective July 1, 2011, the filing fee for foreclosures will double, from the current \$150.00 to \$300.00. Unlike the GCJF for other special proceedings, the State Bar receives no part of the foreclosure filing fee. Act § 31.23.(e).
- NEW Special Proceeding Cost and Fee Provisions.
  - Motion fee. G.S. 7A-306(g). As explained under "General Costs," on page two, above, a new fee of \$20.00 must be assessed for any filing containing a motion in a special proceeding unless all motions in the filing (i) are listed in G.S. 7A-308, <sup>12</sup> or (ii) contain as the sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees.

#### Estates Costs

General Court of Justice fees. G.S. 7A-307(a)(2). Effective July 1, 2011, the General Court of Justice fee (GCJF) for estates will increase from the current \$75.00 to \$106.00. The additional fee assessed on the value of the gross estate remains unchanged at \$0.40 per \$100.00 of value. As explained under "General Costs" above, the State Bar portion of the GCJF will be reduced from the current \$2.05 to \$1.50. Act § 31.23.(d).

## NEW Estate Cost and Fee Provisions.

Motion fee. G.S. 7A-307(a)(4). A new fee of \$20.00 must be assessed for any filing in an estate proceeding that contains a motion and requires a notice of hearing, unless all motions in the filing (i) are listed in G.S. 7A-308, <sup>13</sup> or (ii) contain as the sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees. For explanation of the two exceptions, see "General Costs" on page two, above.

Any motion filed in an estate matter for which the relief requested requires a hearing will require a notice of hearing, so the fee must be assessed at the time of filing whenever the relief requested would require a hearing. The requirement of a notice of hearing should **not** be interpreted to mean that only motions that result in an actual hearing require the \$20.00 fee. The fee should be assessed whenever the relief requested would require a hearing, even if no hearing is actually held. Only motions that do not require a hearing (e.g., summary revocation of letters of a personal representative under G.S. 28A-9-2(a)) are exempt from the motion fee under the "notice of hearing" requirement. Act § 31.23.(d), as amended by House Bill 22, § 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For a list, see the appendix to the special proceedings court cost chart at: <a href="http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp">http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For a list, see the appendix to the estate court cost chart at: <a href="http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp">http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/Default.asp</a>.

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#### Miscellaneous Costs

- No certified copy costs for appointed counsel. G.S. 7A-308(b1). Currently, subsection (b1) exempts an attorney who has been appointed or who is under contract with the Office of Indigent Defense Services to represent an indigent person at State expense from paying the costs for copies of records under G.S. 7A-308(a)(12), if the request for copies is made in connection with the appointed case or the contract and during the duration of the appointment or the contract. Effective July 1, 2011, that exemption also applies to certified copies under G.S. 7A-308(a)(9). S.L. 2011-285, House Bill 243.
- Alias & pluries and endorsement fees. G.S. 7A-308(a)(21). See "NEW Civil Cost and Fee Provisions," above. Although codified in G.S. 7A-308 with the "miscellaneous" costs, the new fee for alias and pluries summons and endorsements is limited to civil actions. Act § 31.23.(e).

If you have any questions about the cost and fee changes described above, please contact NCAOC's Court Services Analyst (CSA) or Financial Management Analyst (FMA) for your county.

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/Attachments (Court Costs and Fees Chart)