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TITLE 8. THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF COURTS [68070 - 77655] (Title 8 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

CHAPTER 3. The Supreme Court [68801 - 68933] (Chapter 3 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

ARTICLE 4. Fees in the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal [68926 - 68933] (Heading of Article 4 amended by Stats. 1978, Ch. 380.)

- 68926.** (a) (1) The fee for filing a notice of appeal in a civil case appealed to a court of appeal is six hundred five dollars (\$605).
- (2) The fee for filing a petition for a writ within the original civil jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is five hundred forty dollars (\$540).
- (3) The fee for filing a petition for a writ within the original civil jurisdiction of a court of appeal is six hundred five dollars (\$605).
- (b) (1) The fee for a party other than appellant filing its first document in a civil case appealed to a court of appeal is three hundred ninety dollars (\$390).
- (2) The fee for a party other than petitioner filing its first document in a writ proceeding within the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is three hundred ninety dollars (\$390).
- (3) The fee for a party other than petitioner filing its first document in a writ proceeding within the original jurisdiction of a court of appeal is three hundred ninety dollars (\$390).
- (c) These fees are in full, for all services, through the rendering of the judgment or the issuing of the remittitur or peremptory writ, except the fees imposed by subdivision (b) of Section 68926.1 and Section 68927. The Judicial Council may make rules governing the time and method of payment of these fees, and providing for excuse therefrom in appropriate cases. A fee may not be charged in appeals from, nor petitions for writs involving, juvenile cases or proceedings to declare a minor free from parental custody or control, or proceedings under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 41, Sec. 24. (SB 1021) Effective June 27, 2012.)

- 68926.1.** (a) (1) Upon filing a notice of appeal for which a fee is paid pursuant to Section 68926, the appellant shall deposit the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) with the clerk of the originating court. The deposit shall be credited against the amount chargeable for the preparation of the clerk's transcript or any other appeal processing or notification.
- (2) The deposit shall be forfeited in the event of abandonment or dismissal of appeal prior to filing of the record in the reviewing court.
- (3) The amount charged for preparation of the transcript or any deposit that is forfeited shall be distributed to the court in which it was collected.

(b) Upon filing a notice of appeal, a petition for a writ, or a petition for a hearing for which a fee is paid pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 68926 or subdivision (a) of Section 68927, the appellant shall pay an additional fee in the amount of one hundred seventy dollars (\$170). Upon filing its first document for which a fee is paid pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 68926 or subdivision (b) of Section 68927, a party other than the appellant or petitioner is not required to pay this additional fee. The fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be transmitted to the State Treasury for deposit in the Appellate Court Trust Fund.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 193, Sec. 3. (AB 110) Effective August 30, 2011.)

- 68926.2.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, sixty-five dollars (\$65) of each fee collected in a civil case by the clerk of each court of appeal pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 68926 shall be paid into the State Treasury for deposit in a special account in the

General Fund to be known as the California State Law Library Special Account, which is hereby established.

(b) Moneys deposited in the California State Law Library Special Account shall be available for the support of the California State Law Library upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this section shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2025.

(d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2030, and, as of January 1, 2031, is repealed.

(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 9, Sec. 15. (AB 123) Effective June 27, 2025. Inoperative July 1, 2030, by its own provisions. Repealed as of January 1, 2031, by its own provisions.)

68927. (a) The fee for filing a petition for review in a civil case in the Supreme Court after a decision in a court of appeal is five hundred forty dollars (\$540).

(b) The fee for a party other than petitioner filing its first document in a civil case in the Supreme Court after a decision in a court of appeal is three hundred ninety dollars (\$390).

(c) A fee may not be charged for petitions for review from decisions in juvenile cases or proceedings to declare a minor free from parental custody or control or proceedings under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 41, Sec. 25. (SB 1021) Effective June 27, 2012.)

68928. The fee for copies of any record or document in the office of the Clerk/Executive Officer of the Supreme Court or the Clerk/Executive Officer of a court of appeal is the prevailing commercial rate as determined by the Clerk/Executive Officer. The Supreme Court and each court of appeal may waive the charge for copies of opinions furnished to parties to the litigation and other interested persons.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 36, Sec. 15. (AB 452) Effective January 1, 2018.)

68929. The fee for comparing any document requiring a certificate is five cents (\$0.05) a folio, except that when the document to be compared was printed or typewritten from the same type or at the same time as the original on file and has been corrected in all respects to conform with it, such charge shall be one cent (\$0.01) a folio. Such fee is in addition to the fee for the certificate.

(Added by Stats. 1963, Ch. 873.)

68930. The fee for each certificate under seal is one dollar (\$1).

(Added by Stats. 1963, Ch. 873.)

68931. There shall be no fee for administering oaths for verification of claims against the State.

(Added by Stats. 1963, Ch. 873.)

68932. For all other services not specified in this article the fee shall be the same as that prescribed by law for similar services by notaries public.

(Added by Stats. 1963, Ch. 873.)

68933. (a) There is hereby established the Appellate Court Trust Fund, the proceeds of which shall be used for the purpose of funding the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and the Judicial Council.

(b) The fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, shall be apportioned by the Judicial Council to the courts of appeal, the Supreme Court, and the Judicial Council, as determined by the Judicial Council, taking into consideration all other funds available to each and the needs of each, in a manner that promotes equal access to the courts, ensures the ability of the courts to carry out their functions, and promotes implementation of statewide policies.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the fees listed in subdivision (d) shall all be transmitted for deposit in the Appellate Court Trust Fund within the State Treasury.

(d) This section applies to all fees collected pursuant to Section 68926, excluding that portion subject to Section 68926.3; subdivision (b) of Section 68926.1; and Sections 68927, 68928, 68929, 68930, and 68932.

(e) The Appellate Court Trust Fund shall be invested in the Surplus Money Investment Fund and all interest earned shall be allocated to the Appellate Court Trust Fund semiannually and used as specified in this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 34, Sec. 8. (SB 133) Effective June 30, 2023.)