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# HOUSE BILL NO. 928

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHOELLER (Sponsor), LONG, DENISON, LEACH, HOUGH,  
LAMPE AND BURLISON (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 488.426, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a surcharge on civil cases.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 488.426, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 488.426, to read as follows:

488.426. 1. The judges of the circuit court, en banc, in any circuit in this state may require any party filing a civil case in the circuit court, at the time of filing the suit, to deposit with the clerk of the court a surcharge in addition to all other deposits required by law or court rule. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are to be paid by the county or state or any city.

2. The surcharge in effect on August 28, 2001, shall remain in effect until changed by the circuit court. The circuit court in any circuit, except the circuit court in Jackson County, may change the fee to any amount not to exceed fifteen dollars. The circuit court in Jackson County may change the fee to any amount not to exceed twenty dollars. A change in the fee shall become effective and remain in effect until further changed.

3. Sections 488.426 to 488.432 shall not apply to proceedings when costs are waived or are paid by the county or state or any city.

4. In addition to any fee authorized by subsection 1 of this section, any county of the first classification with more than ninety-three thousand eight hundred but less than ninety-three thousand nine hundred inhabitants may impose an additional fee of ten dollars excluding cases

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 concerning adoption and those in small claims court. The provisions of this subsection shall  
17 expire on December 31, 2014.

18 **5. Any county of the first classification with more than two hundred forty thousand**  
19 **three hundred but fewer than two hundred forty thousand four hundred inhabitants may**  
20 **charge an additional five dollars if approved by the county commission.**