

HB 183 -- COURT COSTS IN HOWELL COUNTY

SPONSOR: Rhoads

This bill specifies that in addition to all court fees and costs, a surcharge of \$10 must be assessed as costs in each criminal proceeding filed in Howell County except in any proceeding when the proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court or the costs are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality. For violations of the criminal laws of the state or county ordinances, including infractions, a surcharge must not be collected unless it is authorized by the municipal government where the violation occurred. The moneys collected from the surcharge must be deposited into a Justice Center Fund and only be used for the costs associated with the land assemblage and purchase, planning and construction, maintenance, and operation of any county or municipal judicial facility or justice center.