

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Judiciary.

HB24-1286 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
4 assembly finds that:

5 (a) Access to justice is a basic principle of the rule of law, and it
6 ensures that all persons, institutions and entities, public and private,
7 including the state, are held accountable to laws that are publicly
8 promulgated, equally enforced, and independently adjudicated;

9 (b) In the absence of access to justice, people are unable to have
10 their voices heard, exercise their rights, challenge discrimination, or hold
11 decision-makers accountable;

12 (c) Providing civil legal aid to people in poverty is vital to
13 Colorado in supporting justice for victims of intimate partner violence,
14 ensuring veterans receive their well-earned benefits, protecting against
15 elder abuse, fighting human trafficking, protecting access to necessities
16 such as food and shelter, and other areas;

17 (d) Without access to civil legal representation, many laws and
18 protections remain unenforceable for low-income Coloradans;

19 (e) State-funded legal aid in certain civil matters reinforces the
20 importance of the right to counsel to ensure a fair trial;

21 (f) Equal access to justice would have little effective meaning if
22 an individual could not afford that right on the basis of income;

23 (g) In order to meet the needs of our most vulnerable community
24 members, it is necessary, appropriate, equitable, and in the best interest
25 of all Coloradans to create a special purpose authority to allow
26 low-income Coloradans access to the court system by imposing a fee on
27 a party's first court filing;

28 (h) The fee imposed is for the specific purpose of serving users of
29 Colorado courts, who will pay the fee on all initial pleadings and answers
30 because the fee:

31 (I) Will serve all qualified court users by increasing the efficiency
32 of courts for all court users by reducing slowdowns caused by
33 self-represented parties because providing guidance and legal assistance
34 to unrepresented litigants increases efficiency in courts;

35 (II) Will increase the provision of justice in our courts for all court
36 users, regardless of income, which is an interest shared among all court
37 users;

38 (III) Is collected at a rate reasonably calculated based on the
39 overall costs of the services provided by the authority; and

40 (IV) Is not a tax;

41 (i) Furthering access to Colorado's civil courts is a pillar of our

1 democratic legal systems; and
2 (j) The state of Colorado must endeavor to systematically support
3 the delivery of equal access to legal aid services to all qualified
4 Coloradans.

5 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that the lack of
6 access to civil legal justice is a problem that has serious social, legal,
7 economic, and political consequences, and the general assembly enacts
8 this legislation to fund equal access to justice and reaffirm the
9 commitment to equitable access to the civil legal process.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
11 5.7 of title 13 as follows:

12 **PART 2**

13 **EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AUTHORITY**

14 **13-5.7-201. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE
15 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (1) "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AUTHORITY
17 CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-202.

18 (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AUTHORITY BOARD
19 CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-204.

20 (3) "EQUAL JUSTICE FUND FEE" MEANS THE FEE COLLECTED
21 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2.

22 (4) "FILING FEE" MEANS A DOCKET FEE FOR A CIVIL ACTION AS SET
23 FORTH IN SECTIONS 13-4-112, 13-32-101, AND 13-32-102.

24 (5) "QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDER" MEANS A 501 (c)(3)
25 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN THE COLORADO RECIPIENT OF A
26 FEDERAL LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FIELD GRANT THAT PROVIDES
27 LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND ADVICE TO PEOPLE IN COLORADO WHO ARE
28 AT OR BELOW TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
29 GUIDELINE TO SUPPORT THEIR ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS SUCH AS HOUSING,
30 EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND ASSISTANCE WITH
31 FAMILY MATTERS AND IMMIGRATION STATUS ISSUES.

32 **13-5.7-202. Creation and purpose.** THERE IS CREATED AS A
33 SPECIAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102, THE
34 EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AUTHORITY, WHICH IS A BODY CORPORATE AND A
35 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, WHICH SHALL NOT BE AN AGENCY
36 OF STATE GOVERNMENT, AND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE
37 DIRECTION BY ANY DEPARTMENT, COMMISSION, BOARD, BUREAU, OR
38 AGENCY OF THE STATE. THE AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
39 ADMINISTERING THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND CREATED IN SECTION
40 13-5.7-205.

41 **13-5.7-203. General powers.** (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
42 POWERS GRANTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN THIS PART 2, THE AUTHORITY HAS
43 THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

- 1 (a) TO HAVE THE DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS,
2 LIABILITIES, AND DISABILITIES OF A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITICAL
3 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE;
- 4 (b) TO HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE AND SUCCESSION;
- 5 (c) TO ADOPT, HAVE, AND USE A SEAL AND TO ALTER THE SAME AT
6 ITS PLEASURE;
- 7 (d) TO SUE AND BE SUED;
- 8 (e) TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT NOT
9 INCONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 2 OR THE LAWS OF THE STATE;
- 10 (f) TO PURCHASE, LEASE, LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE,
11 TRADE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, HOLD, IMPROVE,
12 MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER, AND DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL
13 PROPERTY, WHETHER TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, AND ANY INTEREST,
14 INCLUDING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR
15 LIMITATION;
- 16 (g) TO ACQUIRE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, SUPPLIES,
17 AND INSURANCE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART
18 2;
- 19 (h) TO DEPOSIT ANY MONEY OF THE AUTHORITY IN ANY BANKING
20 INSTITUTION OR IN ANY DEPOSITORY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION
21 24-75-603, AND TO APPOINT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING SUCH
22 DEPOSITS, ONE OR MORE PERSONS TO ACT AS CUSTODIANS OF THE MONEY
23 OF THE AUTHORITY, WHO SHALL GIVE SURETY BONDS IN SUCH AMOUNTS
24 AND FORM AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS THE BOARD REQUIRES;
- 25 (i) TO CONTRACT FOR AND TO ACCEPT ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
26 LOANS OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER AID IN ANY FORM FROM THE
27 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY STATE AGENCY, OR ANY OTHER
28 SOURCE, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, AND TO COMPLY, SUBJECT TO
29 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 2, WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
30 SUCH CONTRACTS OR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH ITEMS;
- 31 (j) TO HAVE AND EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND POWERS NECESSARY
32 OR INCIDENTAL TO OR IMPLIED FROM THE SPECIFIC POWERS GRANTED IN
33 THIS PART 2, WHICH SPECIFIC POWERS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A
34 LIMITATION UPON ANY POWER NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT
35 THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS PART 2;
- 36 (k) TO FIX THE TIME AND PLACE OR PLACES AT WHICH ITS REGULAR
37 AND SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD;
- 38 (l) TO ELECT ONE MEMBER AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD AND
39 ANOTHER MEMBER AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD AND TO ELECT
40 ONE OR MORE MEMBERS AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE BOARD
41 AND ELECT OR APPOINT SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS THE BOARD MAY
42 DETERMINE AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE;
- 43 (m) TO APPOINT AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONAL AND

1 BUSINESS ADVISERS, INCLUDING REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS,
2 CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, PROPERTY MANAGERS, ATTORNEYS,
3 ACCOUNTANTS, AND FINANCIAL ADVISERS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE
4 NECESSARY IN THE AUTHORITY'S JUDGMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE
5 PURPOSES OF THIS PART 2, AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF SUCH
6 AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ADVISERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE POWERS AND
7 DUTIES OF ALL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ADVISERS, AS WELL AS ANY
8 OTHER PERSON CONTRACTING WITH THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
9 SERVICES, INCLUDING TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR THE CONTRACT
10 FOR SERVICES;

11 (n) TO MAKE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND
12 OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN THE EXERCISE OF THE
13 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2,
14 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONTRACTS WITH ANY PERSON, FIRM,
15 CORPORATION, MUNICIPALITY, STATE AGENCY, COUNTY, OR OTHER
16 ENTITY. ALL MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND STATE AGENCIES MAY
17 ENTER INTO AND DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO PERFORM ANY SUCH
18 ARRANGEMENT OR CONTRACT WITH THE AUTHORITY.

19 (o) OTHER POWERS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE AUTHORITY'S
20 SPECIFIC GOALS AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2.

21 **13-5.7-204. Equal justice fund authority board - membership**
22 **and meetings - fund - rules.** (1) THE AUTHORITY IS GOVERNED BY THE
23 EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AUTHORITY BOARD, WHICH IS MADE UP OF SEVEN
24 MEMBERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AND HAVE A
25 DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING CIVIL LEGAL AID THROUGH
26 CURRENT OR PRIOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID
27 PROVIDER, OR THROUGH SUBSTANTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE WITH A
28 SIMILAR ORGANIZATION.

29 (2) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MUST BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

30 (a) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE
31 COLORADO SUPREME COURT;

32 (b) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

33 (c) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COLORADO BAR
34 ASSOCIATION;

35 (d) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COLORADO LAWYER TRUST
36 ACCOUNT FOUNDATION; AND

37 (e) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
38 THE COLORADO ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION, AT LEAST TWO OF WHOM
39 ARE EMPLOYED BY A QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDER, AND AT LEAST
40 ONE OF WHOM IS EMPLOYED BY A QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDER
41 THAT EMPLOYS TEN OR FEWER FULL-TIME ATTORNEYS.

42 (3) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE REASONABLE
43 EFFORTS TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS THAT REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC

1 AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE, INCLUDING MEMBERS FROM
2 BOTH RURAL AND URBAN PARTS OF THE STATE, AND MEMBERS OF DIVERSE
3 POLITICAL, RACIAL, ABILITY, CULTURAL GROUP, AND SOCIOECONOMIC
4 STATUS.

5 (4) MEMBERS SERVE TERMS OF THREE YEARS; EXCEPT THAT
6 INITIAL TERMS OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
7 OF THE COLORADO ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION ARE TWO-YEAR
8 TERMS IN ORDER TO STAGGER THE TERMS SO THAT NO MORE THAN FOUR
9 MEMBERS' TERMS EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR. THE APPOINTING
10 AUTHORITIES SHALL DESIGNATE THE INITIAL TERMS AND FILL ANY
11 VACANCIES ON THE BOARD.

12 (5) TERMS EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE FINAL YEAR OF THE
13 TERM.

14 (6) MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO SERVE TWO ADDITIONAL
15 TERMS.

16 (7) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE BOARD BY MAJORITY
17 VOTE OF THE BOARD FOR MISFEASANCE, MALFEASANCE, WILLFUL NEGLECT
18 OF DUTY, OR OTHER CAUSE AFTER NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING, UNLESS
19 NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED IN WRITING BY
20 THE MEMBER BEING REMOVED.

21 (8) THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES PER YEAR.

22 (9) THE BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR AT ITS
23 FIRST MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

24 (10) MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MUST BE
25 REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
26 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

27 (11) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND
28 KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS.

29 (12) (a) THE AUTHORITY MAY COOPERATE AND ENTER INTO
30 CONTRACTS WITH THE COMMISSION OR ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY, FOR
31 ADMINISTRATIVE OR OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING FOR STAFFING.

32 (b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PAY THE CONTRACTED ENTITY IN
33 ADVANCE FOR ALL AGREED UPON COSTS INCURRED BY THE CONTRACTED
34 ENTITY IN PROVIDING STAFFING FOR THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ITS
35 MISSION, INCLUDING COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES STAFFING THE
36 AUTHORITY AND ANY ADMINISTRATION AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED
37 WITH STAFFING THE AUTHORITY.

38 (13) IF THE COMMISSION EXPECTS TO INCUR ACTUAL COSTS AS A
39 RESULT OF STAFFING THE AUTHORITY THAT EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT
40 PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-5.7-206, THE
41 AUTHORITY SHALL PAY THE COMMISSION FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE
42 COMMISSION IN PROVIDING STAFFING TO THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING, BUT
43 LIMITED TO, COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES STAFFING THE AUTHORITY

1 AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN AN AMOUNT AGREED UPON BY THE
2 AUTHORITY AND COMMISSION.

3 **13-5.7-205. Equal justice fund - creation.** (1) THERE IS
4 CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND. THE EQUAL
5 JUSTICE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AUTHORITY. THE PURPOSE OF THE
6 FUND IS TO:

7 (a) PROVIDE ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT
8 PERSONS BY PROVIDING ANNUAL GRANTS TO THE COLORADO RECIPIENT OF
9 A FEDERAL LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FIELD GRANT AND OTHER
10 QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-5.7-206;

11 (b) INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF COLORADO COURTS FOR ALL
12 COURT USERS BY REDUCING SLOWDOWNS CAUSED BY
13 SELF-REPRESENTATION; AND

14 (c) PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE
15 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 2, INCLUDING PAYMENT FOR COSTS
16 ASSOCIATED WITH STAFFING THE AUTHORITY AND REIMBURSEMENT OF THE
17 ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES OF BOARD MEMBERS AS REQUIRED BY
18 SECTION 13-5.7-204.

19 (2) THE COURT SHALL COLLECT THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND FEE AT
20 THE TIME OF FILING AND QUARTERLY, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND
21 SHALL REMIT THE COLLECTED EQUAL JUSTICE FUND FEES TO THE STATE
22 TREASURER TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND.

23 (3) THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY COLLECTED
24 FROM THE FILING FEE REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 13-4-112, 13-32-101, AND
25 13-32-102.

26 (4) THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO
27 THE AUTHORITY AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY. ANY INTEREST OR INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND
29 INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND REMAINS IN THE
30 EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AND IS NOT TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR
31 ANY OTHER FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR.

32 **13-5.7-206. Distribution of funds.** (1) ON JULY 1, 2025, AND
33 EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE
34 ALL REVENUE DEPOSITED INTO THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND, LESS THE
35 AUTHORITY'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENSES IN ADMINISTERING THE
36 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 2 AND ANY OTHER RELATED WORK
37 COMPLETED TO ADVANCE THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY. THE
38 AUTHORITY SHALL DISTRIBUTE SIXTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF THE REMAINING
39 REVENUE TO THE COLORADO RECIPIENT OF A FEDERAL LEGAL SERVICES
40 CORPORATION FIELD GRANT, AND THIRTY-THREE PERCENT TO QUALIFIED
41 CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDERS.

42 (2) THE BOARD, BY RESOLUTION, SHALL ESTABLISH A FUNDING
43 FORMULA TO USE TO DETERMINE THE DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR EACH

1 QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDER. IN DEVELOPING THE FORMULA, THE
2 BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

3 (a) THE NUMBER OF ATTORNEY HOURS SPENT SERVING PEOPLE IN
4 COLORADO IN POVERTY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

5 (b) THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY THE
6 QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDER;

7 (c) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN POVERTY WHO RECEIVE
8 LEGAL REPRESENTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE QUALIFIED CIVIL
9 LEGAL AID PROVIDER;

10 (d) GEOGRAPHIC REACH OF SERVICES; AND

11 (e) ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE SERVING POPULATIONS WITH
12 BARRIERS TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
13 AND PEOPLE WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.

14 (3) IN ESTABLISHING THE FUNDING FORMULA PURSUANT TO
15 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE VITAL
16 IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK OF QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDERS
17 THAT EMPLOY TEN OR FEWER FULL-TIME ATTORNEYS TO LOW-INCOME
18 COLORADO COMMUNITIES.

19 **13-5.7-207. Report.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND
20 EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AND
21 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY
22 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
23 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT DETAILS THE USE OF THE FUND. AT A
24 MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

25 (a) HOW MUCH MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN THE FUND IN THE
26 PRECEDING YEAR;

27 (b) HOW MUCH MONEY THE COLORADO RECIPIENT OF A FEDERAL
28 LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FIELD GRANT AND OTHER QUALIFIED CIVIL
29 LEGAL AID PROVIDERS RECEIVED FROM THE FUND IN THE PRECEDING YEAR;

30 (c) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS LEFT UNUSED BY THE COLORADO
31 RECIPIENT OF A FEDERAL LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FIELD GRANT
32 AND THE QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF
33 THE PRECEDING YEAR; AND

34 (d) THE TYPES OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO
35 RECEIVED LEGAL SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THE FUND.

36 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-4-112 as
37 follows:

38 **13-4-112. Fees of the clerk of court of appeals.** (1) (a) Within
39 the time allowed or fixed for transmission of the record, the appellant
40 shall pay to the clerk of the court of appeals a docket fee of two hundred
41 ~~twenty-three~~ FORTY-THREE dollars.

42 (b) The docket fee for the appellee shall be one hundred
43 ~~forty-eight~~ SIXTY-EIGHT dollars to be paid upon the entry of appearance

1 of the appellee.

2 (2) (a) Each fee collected pursuant to ~~paragraph (a) of subsection~~
3 ~~(1) SUBSECTION (1)(a)~~ of this section shall be transmitted to the state
4 treasurer and divided as follows:

5 (I) One hundred fifty dollars shall be deposited in the supreme
6 court library fund created pursuant to section 13-2-120;

7 (II) Five dollars shall be deposited in the judicial stabilization cash
8 fund created in section 13-32-101 (6); ~~and~~

9 (III) Sixty-eight dollars shall be deposited in the justice center
10 cash fund created in section 13-32-101 (7)(a); AND

11 (IV) TWENTY DOLLARS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE EQUAL JUSTICE
12 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-205.

13 (b) Each fee collected pursuant to ~~paragraph (b) of subsection (1)~~
14 SUBSECTION (1)(b) of this section shall be transmitted to the state
15 treasurer and divided as follows:

16 (I) Seventy-five dollars shall be deposited in the supreme court
17 library fund created pursuant to section 13-2-120;

18 (II) Five dollars shall be deposited in the judicial stabilization cash
19 fund created in section 13-32-101 (6); ~~and~~

20 (III) Sixty-eight dollars shall be deposited in the justice center
21 cash fund created in section 13-32-101 (7)(a); AND

22 (IV) TWENTY DOLLARS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE EQUAL JUSTICE
23 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-205.

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-32-101, **add** (1.5)
25 and (3)(d) as follows:

26 **13-32-101. Docket fees in civil actions - judicial stabilization**
27 **cash fund - justice center cash fund - justice center maintenance fund**
28 **- created - report - legislative declaration.** (1.5) (a) BEGINNING
29 JANUARY 1, 2025, AN EQUAL JUSTICE FUND FEE OF TWENTY DOLLARS
30 MUST BE PAID ON ALL COURT FILINGS BY A PARTY AT THE TIME A FEE IS
31 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, EXCEPT FOR
32 FILINGS IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT.

33 (b) FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) MUST
34 BE ANNUALLY DEPOSITED INTO THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND CREATED IN
35 SECTION 13-5.7-205.

36 (3) (d) A FILING FEE MUST NOT BE CHARGED TO A COLORADO
37 RECIPIENT OF A FEDERAL LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FIELD GRANT OR
38 OTHER QUALIFIED CIVIL LEGAL AID PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
39 13-5.7-201.

40 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-32-102, **amend**
41 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(f), (6)(a)(II), (6)(b)(II), and (6)(f)(II) as follows:

42 **13-32-102. Fees in probate proceedings.** (1) On and after July
43 1, 2019, for services rendered by judges and clerks of district or probate

1 courts in all counties of the state of Colorado in proceedings had pursuant
2 to articles 10 to 17 of title 15, the court shall charge the following fees:

3 (a) Docket fee at the time of filing first papers in any decedent's
4 estate eligible for summary administrative procedures ~~under~~ PURSUANT
5 TO section 15-12-1203, or in any small estate of a person under disability
6 qualifying under section 15-14-118, which estates involve no real
7 property
8 \$ ~~83.00~~ **103.00**

9 (b) Docket fee at time of filing first papers in any estate not
10 coming within the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section
11 ~~199.00~~ **219.00**

12 (f) Docket fee at time of filing first papers in each action relating
13 to a trust
14 ~~199.00~~ **219.00**

15 (6) (a) Each fee collected pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this
16 section shall be transmitted to the state treasurer and divided as follows:

17 (II) On and after July 1, 2019, forty-eight dollars shall be
18 deposited in the judicial stabilization cash fund created in section
19 13-32-101 (6), five dollars shall be deposited in the court security cash
20 fund established pursuant to section 13-1-204, fifteen dollars shall be
21 deposited in the office of public guardianship cash fund established
22 pursuant to section 13-94-108 (1), ~~and~~ fifteen dollars shall be deposited
23 in the justice center cash fund created in section 13-32-101 (7)(a), AND
24 TWENTY DOLLARS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND
25 CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-205.

26 (b) Each fee collected pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section
27 shall be transmitted to the state treasurer and divided as follows:

28 (II) On and after July 1, 2019, one hundred forty-three dollars
29 shall be deposited in the judicial stabilization cash fund created in section
30 13-32-101 (6), five dollars shall be deposited in the court security cash
31 fund established pursuant to section 13-1-204, fifteen dollars shall be
32 deposited in the justice center cash fund created in section 13-32-101
33 (7)(a), thirty-five dollars shall be deposited in the office of public
34 guardianship cash fund established pursuant to section 13-94-108 (1), ~~and~~
35 one dollar shall be deposited in the general fund pursuant to section
36 2-5-119, AND TWENTY DOLLARS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE EQUAL
37 JUSTICE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-205.

38 (f) Each fee collected pursuant to subsection (1)(f) of this section
39 shall be transmitted to the state treasurer and divided as follows:

40 (II) On and after July 1, 2019, one hundred forty-three dollars
41 shall be deposited in the judicial stabilization cash fund created in section
42 13-32-101 (6), five dollars shall be deposited in the court security cash
43 fund established pursuant to section 13-1-204, fifteen dollars shall be

1 deposited in the justice center cash fund created in section 13-32-101
2 (7)(a), thirty-five dollars shall be deposited in the office of public
3 guardianship cash fund established pursuant to section 13-94-108 (1), ~~and~~
4 one dollar shall be deposited in the general fund pursuant to section
5 2-5-119, AND TWENTY DOLLARS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE EQUAL
6 JUSTICE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 13-5.7-205.

7 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-102, **amend**
8 (15)(b)(XIX) and (15)(b)(XX); and **add** (15)(b)(XXI) as follows:

9 **24-77-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 77, unless the
10 context otherwise requires:

11 (15) (b) "Special purpose authority" includes, but is not limited to:

12 (XIX) The Colorado electric transmission authority created in
13 section 40-42-103 (1); ~~and~~

14 (XX) The middle-income housing authority created in section
15 29-4-1104 (1); AND

16 (XXI) THE EQUAL JUSTICE FUND AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION
17 13-5.7-202.

18 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
21 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
22 institutions."

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