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SYNOPSIS

Decreases certain public document copy fees to up to \$0.10 or less per letter size page and up to \$0.15 or less per legal size page.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning certain copy fees for public documents and
2 amending various parts of the statutory law.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 11 of P.L.1987, c.435 (C.22A:4-1a) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 11. For services herein enumerated the State Treasurer shall
10 collect the following fees:

11 a. For filing any original business certificate for which no other
12 fee is fixed by statute or regulation, \$125.

13 For filing any change or amendment to a previously filed
14 document for which no other fee is fixed by statute or regulation,
15 \$75.

16 For issuing any certificate or filing any other document for
17 which no other fee is fixed by statute or regulation, \$25.00, except
18 that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

19 (1) certificates of appointments for gubernatorial appointees;

20 (2) documents filed by public bodies under the "Open Public
21 Meetings Act," P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.);

22 (3) financial disclosures filed by State officials;

23 (4) oaths of office;

24 (5) resignation of office holders;

25 (6) documents filed by other State government entities indexed
26 in the department's miscellaneous file.

27 b. For certification or exemplification of any document on file,
28 \$25.00.

29 c. For certification or exemplification of any signature on file,
30 including the issuance of a certificate for proving a document
31 outside the United States, also known as an apostille, \$25.00;
32 except that in cases of adoption of a child, the fee for an apostille
33 shall be \$5.00.

34 d. For filing a certified copy of an order of change of name,
35 \$50.00.

36 e. For a paper copy of any document on file, **[\$1.00 per page]**
37 up to \$0.10 per letter size page or smaller and up to \$0.15 per legal
38 size page or larger. If a roll of microfilm images is requested, the
39 State Treasurer shall collect a fee of \$1.00 for each image on the
40 microfilm roll. If a microfiche copy of a microfiche is requested,
41 \$3.00.

42 f. For filing a proof of publication, \$10.00.

43 (cf: P.L.2002, c.34, s.34)

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45 2. R.S.39:4-131 is amended to read as follows:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 39:4-131. The commission shall prepare and supply to police
2 departments and other suitable agencies, forms for accident reports
3 calling for sufficiently detailed information with reference to a
4 motor vehicle accident, including the cause, the conditions then
5 existing, the persons and vehicles involved, the compliance with
6 P.L.1984, c.179 (C.39:3-76.2e et seq.) by the operators and
7 passengers of the vehicles involved in the accident, whether the
8 operator of the vehicle was using a cellular telephone when the
9 accident occurred, and such other information as the chief
10 administrator may require.

11 Every law enforcement officer who investigates a vehicle
12 accident of which report must be made as required in this Title, or
13 who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an accident or
14 thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall
15 forward a written report of such accident to the commission, on
16 forms furnished by it, within five days after his investigation of the
17 accident.

18 Such written reports required to be forwarded by law
19 enforcement officers and the information contained therein shall not
20 be privileged or held confidential. Every citizen of this State shall
21 have the right, during regular business hours and under supervision,
22 to inspect and copy such reports and shall also have the right in
23 person to purchase copies of the reports at the same fee established
24 by section 6 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5). If copies of reports
25 are requested other than in person, an additional fee of up to \$5.00
26 **【for the first three pages and \$1.00 per page thereafter】** may be
27 added to cover the administrative costs of the report. Upon request,
28 a police department shall send an accident report to a person
29 through the mail or via fax as defined in section 2 of P.L.1976, c.23
30 (C.19:59-2). The police department may require the person
31 requesting the report to provide a completed request form and the
32 appropriate fee prior to faxing or mailing the report. The police
33 department shall provide the person requesting the report with the
34 option of submitting the form and providing the appropriate fee
35 either in person, through the mail, or via fax as defined in section 2
36 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-2).

37 The provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary
38 notwithstanding, reports obtained pursuant to this act shall not be
39 subject to confidentiality requirements except as provided by
40 section 28 of P.L.1960, c.52 (C.2A:84A-28).

41 (cf: P.L.2007, c.20, s.1)

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43 3. Section 65 of P.L.1993, c.210 (C.42:2B-65) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 65. a. No document required to be filed under this act shall be
46 effective until the applicable fee required by this section is paid.

1 The following fees shall be paid to and collected by the State
2 Treasurer for the use of the State:

3 (1) Upon the receipt for filing of a certificate of registration of
4 alternate name or a certificate of renewal pursuant to section 4 of
5 this act, a fee in the amount of \$50.

6 (2) Upon the receipt for filing of an application for reservation
7 of name, an application for renewal of reservation or a notice of
8 transfer or cancellation of reservation pursuant to section 5 of this
9 act, a fee in the amount of \$50.

10 (3) Upon the receipt for filing of a certificate under subsection
11 b. of section 6 of this act, a fee in the amount of \$25, upon the
12 receipt for filing of a certificate under subsection b. of section 7 of
13 this act, a fee in the amount of \$25 and a further fee of \$10 for each
14 limited liability company affected by such certificate.

15 (4) Upon the receipt for filing of a notice of resignation and
16 affidavit pursuant to subsection c. of section 7 of this act, a fee in
17 the amount of \$25 and upon the receipt for filing of a certificate of
18 change pursuant to subsection c. of section 7 of this act, a fee in the
19 amount of \$25.

20 (5) Upon the receipt for filing of a certificate of formation under
21 section 11 of this act a fee in the amount of \$125; and upon receipt
22 for filing, a certificate of correction under section 12 of this act, a
23 certificate of amendment under section 13 of this act, a certificate
24 of cancellation under section 14 of this act, a certificate of merger
25 or consolidation under section 20 of this act or a restated certificate
26 of formation under section 19 of this act, a fee in the amount of
27 \$100.

28 (6) Upon filing of an annual report, a fee in the amount of
29 \$50.00.

30 (7) Upon requesting a reinstatement of a certificate of a limited
31 liability company, a late filing fee of \$200.00 and a reinstatement
32 filing fee of \$75.00.

33 (8) For certifying copies of any paper on file as provided for by
34 this act, a fee in the amount of \$25 for each copy certified.

35 (9) The State Treasurer may issue photocopies of instruments on
36 file as well as other copies, and for all of those copies, whether
37 certified or not, a fee in the amount of **[\$10 for the first page and \$2**
38 **per page] up to \$0.10 per letter size page or smaller and up to \$0.15**
39 **per legal size page or larger** thereafter shall be paid.

40 (10) Upon the receipt for filing of an application for registration
41 as a foreign limited liability company under section 53 of this act or
42 a certificate of cancellation under section 56 of this act, a fee in the
43 amount of \$125.

44 (11) For preclearance of any document for filing, a fee in the
45 amount of \$50.

46 (12) For preparing and providing a written report of a record
47 search, a fee in the amount of \$50.

1 (13) For issuing any certificate of the State Treasurer, including
2 but not limited to a certificate of good standing, other than a
3 certification of a copy under paragraph (6) of this subsection, a fee
4 in the amount of \$50, except that for issuing any certificate of the
5 State Treasurer that recites all of a limited liability company's
6 filings with the State Treasurer, a fee of \$100 shall be paid for each
7 such certificate.

8 (14) For receiving and filing and/or indexing any certificate,
9 affidavit, agreement or any other paper provided for by this act, for
10 which no different fee is specifically prescribed, a fee in the amount
11 of \$75.

12 (15) The State Treasurer may in the Treasurer's discretion charge
13 a fee of \$50 for each check received for payment of any fee that is
14 returned due to insufficient funds or the result of a stop payment
15 order.

16 b. In addition to those fees charged under subsection a. of this
17 section, there shall be collected by and paid to the State Treasurer
18 the following:

19 (1) for all services described in subsection a. of this section that
20 are requested to be completed within the same day as the day of the
21 request, an additional sum of up to \$50; and

22 (2) for all services described in subsection a. of this section that
23 are requested to be completed within a 24-hour period from the time
24 of the request, an additional sum of up to \$25.

25 The State Treasurer shall establish (and may from time to time
26 amend) a schedule of specific fees payable pursuant to this
27 subsection.

28 c. The State Treasurer may in his discretion permit the
29 extension of credit for the fees required by this section upon such
30 terms as he shall deem to be appropriate.

31 (cf: P.L.2002, c.34, s.38)

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33 4. Section 4 of P.L.1997, c.412 (C.46:16-18) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 4. a. If a notice of federal lien, a refile of a notice of federal
36 lien, or a notice of revocation of any certificate is presented to the
37 county recording officer, he shall endorse thereon his identification
38 and the date and time of receipt and forthwith file it alphabetically
39 or enter it in an alphabetical index showing the name and address of
40 the person named in the notice, the date and time of receipt, the title
41 and address of the official or entity certifying the lien, and the total
42 amount appearing on the notice of lien.

43 b. If a refiled notice of federal lien referred to in subsection a.
44 of this section or any certificate of release, nonattachment,
45 discharge or subordination is presented for filing to the county
46 recording officer, he shall permanently attach the refiled notice of
47 the certificate to the original notice of lien and enter the refiled

1 notice or the certificate with the date of filing in any alphabetical
2 lien index on the line where the original notice of lien is entered.

3 c. All notices received by a filing officer pursuant to this
4 section and the index of the notices shall be held for public
5 inspection by the filing officer. Upon request, the filing officer
6 shall furnish a copy of any notice of federal lien, or notice or
7 certificate affecting a federal lien, for a fee of **[\$2 per page] up to**
8 \$0.10 per letter size page or smaller, and up to \$0.15 per legal size
9 page or larger.

10 (cf: P.L.1997, c.412, s.4)

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12 5. Section 6 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 6. a. The custodian of a government record shall permit the
15 record to be inspected, examined, and copied by any person during
16 regular business hours; or in the case of a municipality having a
17 population of 5,000 or fewer according to the most recent federal
18 decennial census, a board of education having a total district
19 enrollment of 500 or fewer, or a public authority having less than
20 \$10 million in assets, during not less than six regular business hours
21 over not less than three business days per week or the entity's
22 regularly-scheduled business hours, whichever is less; unless a
23 government record is exempt from public access by: P.L.1963, c.73
24 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented; any other
25 statute; resolution of either or both houses of the Legislature;
26 regulation promulgated under the authority of any statute or
27 Executive Order of the Governor; Executive Order of the Governor;
28 Rules of Court; any federal law; federal regulation; or federal order.
29 Prior to allowing access to any government record, the custodian
30 thereof shall redact from that record any information which
31 discloses the social security number, credit card number, unlisted
32 telephone number, or driver license number of any person; except
33 for use by any government agency, including any court or law
34 enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private
35 person or entity acting on behalf thereof, or any private person or
36 entity seeking to enforce payment of court-ordered child support;
37 except with respect to the disclosure of driver information by the
38 Division of Motor Vehicles as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997,
39 c.188 (C.39:2-3.4); and except that a social security number
40 contained in a record required by law to be made, maintained or
41 kept on file by a public agency shall be disclosed when access to
42 the document or disclosure of that information is not otherwise
43 prohibited by State or federal law, regulation or order or by State
44 statute, resolution of either or both houses of the Legislature,
45 Executive Order of the Governor, rule of court or regulation
46 promulgated under the authority of any statute or executive order of
47 the Governor. Except where an agency can demonstrate an

1 emergent need, a regulation that limits access to government
2 records shall not be retroactive in effect or applied to deny a request
3 for access to a government record that is pending before the agency,
4 the council or a court at the time of the adoption of the regulation.

5 b. A copy or copies of a government record may be purchased
6 by any person upon payment of the fee prescribed by law or
7 regulation, or if a fee is not prescribed by law or regulation, upon
8 payment of the actual cost of duplicating the record. Except as
9 otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the
10 duplication of a government record embodied in the form of printed
11 matter shall not exceed the following: [first page to tenth page,
12 \$0.75 per page; eleventh page to twentieth page, \$0.50 per page; all
13 pages over twenty, \$0.25 per page] up to \$0.10 per letter size page
14 or smaller, and up to \$0.15 per legal size page or larger. The actual
15 cost of duplicating the record shall be the cost of materials and
16 supplies used to make a copy of the record, but shall not include the
17 cost of labor or other overhead expenses associated with making the
18 copy except as provided for in subsection c. of this section. If a
19 public agency can demonstrate that its actual costs for duplication
20 of a government record exceed the foregoing rates, the public
21 agency shall be permitted to charge the actual cost of duplicating
22 the record.

23 c. Whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume
24 of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to
25 be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such
26 that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying
27 equipment in ordinary business size or involves an extraordinary
28 expenditure of time and effort to accommodate the request, the
29 public agency may charge, in addition to the actual cost of
30 duplicating the record, a special service charge that shall be
31 reasonable and shall be based upon the actual direct cost of
32 providing the copy or copies; provided, however, that in the case of
33 a municipality, rates for the duplication of particular records when
34 the actual cost of copying exceeds the foregoing rates shall be
35 established in advance by ordinance. The requestor shall have the
36 opportunity to review and object to the charge prior to it being
37 incurred.

38 d. A custodian shall permit access to a government record and
39 provide a copy thereof in the medium requested if the public agency
40 maintains the record in that medium. If the public agency does not
41 maintain the record in the medium requested, the custodian shall
42 either convert the record to the medium requested or provide a copy
43 in some other meaningful medium. If a request is for a record: (1)
44 in a medium not routinely used by the agency; (2) not routinely
45 developed or maintained by an agency; or (3) requiring a substantial
46 amount of manipulation or programming of information technology,
47 the agency may charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplication,

1 a special charge that shall be reasonable and shall be based on the
2 cost for any extensive use of information technology, or for the
3 labor cost of personnel providing the service, that is actually
4 incurred by the agency or attributable to the agency for the
5 programming, clerical, and supervisory assistance required, or both.

6 e. Immediate access ordinarily shall be granted to budgets,
7 bills, vouchers, contracts, including collective negotiations
8 agreements and individual employment contracts, and public
9 employee salary and overtime information.

10 f. The custodian of a public agency shall adopt a form for the
11 use of any person who requests access to a government record held
12 or controlled by the public agency. The form shall provide space
13 for the name, address, and phone number of the requestor and a
14 brief description of the government record sought. The form shall
15 include space for the custodian to indicate which record will be
16 made available, when the record will be available, and the fees to be
17 charged. The form shall also include the following: (1) specific
18 directions and procedures for requesting a record; (2) a statement as
19 to whether prepayment of fees or a deposit is required; (3) the time
20 period within which the public agency is required by P.L.1963, c.73
21 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented, to make the
22 record available; (4) a statement of the requestor's right to challenge
23 a decision by the public agency to deny access and the procedure
24 for filing an appeal; (5) space for the custodian to list reasons if a
25 request is denied in whole or in part; (6) space for the requestor to
26 sign and date the form; (7) space for the custodian to sign and date
27 the form if the request is fulfilled or denied. The custodian may
28 require a deposit against costs for reproducing documents sought
29 through an anonymous request whenever the custodian anticipates
30 that the information thus requested will cost in excess of \$5 to
31 reproduce.

32 g. A request for access to a government record shall be in
33 writing and hand-delivered, mailed, transmitted electronically, or
34 otherwise conveyed to the appropriate custodian. A custodian shall
35 promptly comply with a request to inspect, examine, copy, or
36 provide a copy of a government record. If the custodian is unable
37 to comply with a request for access, the custodian shall indicate the
38 specific basis therefor on the request form and promptly return it to
39 the requestor. The custodian shall sign and date the form and
40 provide the requestor with a copy thereof. If the custodian of a
41 government record asserts that part of a particular record is exempt
42 from public access pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.)
43 as amended and supplemented, the custodian shall delete or excise
44 from a copy of the record that portion which the custodian asserts is
45 exempt from access and shall promptly permit access to the
46 remainder of the record. If the government record requested is
47 temporarily unavailable because it is in use or in storage, the

1 custodian shall so advise the requestor and shall make arrangements
2 to promptly make available a copy of the record. If a request for
3 access to a government record would substantially disrupt agency
4 operations, the custodian may deny access to the record after
5 attempting to reach a reasonable solution with the requestor that
6 accommodates the interests of the requestor and the agency.

7 h. Any officer or employee of a public agency who receives a
8 request for access to a government record shall forward the request
9 to the custodian of the record or direct the requestor to the
10 custodian of the record.

11 i. Unless a shorter time period is otherwise provided by
12 statute, regulation, or executive order, a custodian of a government
13 record shall grant access to a government record or deny a request
14 for access to a government record as soon as possible, but not later
15 than seven business days after receiving the request, provided that
16 the record is currently available and not in storage or archived. In
17 the event a custodian fails to respond within seven business days
18 after receiving a request, the failure to respond shall be deemed a
19 denial of the request, unless the requestor has elected not to provide
20 a name, address or telephone number, or other means of contacting
21 the requestor. If the requestor has elected not to provide a name,
22 address, or telephone number, or other means of contacting the
23 requestor, the custodian shall not be required to respond until the
24 requestor reappears before the custodian seeking a response to the
25 original request. If the government record is in storage or archived,
26 the requestor shall be so advised within seven business days after
27 the custodian receives the request. The requestor shall be advised
28 by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the
29 record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed
30 denied.

31 j. A custodian shall post prominently in public view in the part
32 or parts of the office or offices of the custodian that are open to or
33 frequented by the public a statement that sets forth in clear, concise
34 and specific terms the right to appeal a denial of, or failure to
35 provide, access to a government record by any person for
36 inspection, examination, or copying or for purchase of copies
37 thereof and the procedure by which an appeal may be filed.

38 k. The files maintained by the Office of the Public Defender
39 that relate to the handling of any case shall be considered
40 confidential and shall not be open to inspection by any person
41 unless authorized by law, court order, or the State Public Defender.
42 (cf: P.L.2001, c.404, s.6)

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44 6. Section 1 of P.L.1959, c.43 (C.48:2-56)is amended to read as
45 follows:

46 1. The Board of **【Regulatory Commissioners】** Public Utilities
47 is hereby empowered, authorized and required to charge and collect

1 fees and charges for the purposes and in the amounts hereinafter set
2 out.

3 **[.] Filing of Annual Reports**

	Charge Per
	Report
6 (1) Sewer	\$20.00
7 0 Classes A, B, C, and D ...	20.00
8 Class E (Income Sheets)	5.00
9 (2) Railroad	50.00
10 Nonoperating	10.00
11 (3) Telephone	
12 Class A	50.00
13 Class B	20.00
14 (4) Water	
15 Class A	50.00
16 Classes B and C	20.00
17 Class D	10.00
18 Class E (Income Sheets)	5.00
19 (5) Bus	
20 Class A	50.00
21 Class B	25.00
22 Class C	10.00
23 (6) Gas	50.00
24 (7) Electric	50.00
25 (8) Combination gas and electric	100.00
26 (9) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.124).	

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28 **B. Examination and Audit of Annual Reports**

29 (1) The total fee is to be based on reported intrastate operating
30 revenues, and, except as noted below for certain interstate utilities,
31 will consist of a base charge plus an incremental charge per unit of
32 \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof for each such unit in excess of the
33 lower limit of the indicated range.

		The
		Incremental
		Charge per
		\$1,000
		Unit is
37 If the Reported Operating	The Base	
38 Revenues Fall Within the Range	Charge is	
39 Under \$10,000	\$10.00
40 \$10,000 to 25,000	15.00
41 25,000 to 50,000	25.00
42 50,000 to 500,000	25.00	\$0.50/M
43 500,000 to 1,000,000	250.00	0.39/M
44 1,000,000 to 5,000,000	445.00	0.15/M
45 5,000,000 to 10,000,000	1,045.00	0.10/M
46 10,000,000 to 50,000,000	1,545.00	0.08/M
47 50,000,000 to 100,000,000	4,745.00	0.07/M

1	100,000,000 to 200,000,000	8,245.00	0.05/M
2	200,000,000 and over	13,245.00	0.03/M

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4 (2) Public utilities engaged in interstate commerce who are
 5 required to file annual reports with the board and who derive 50%
 6 or more of their operating revenues from interstate commerce shall
 7 pay a fee for examination and audit of their annual report in
 8 accordance with the following schedule. The board may establish
 9 reasonable rules for the determination of such intrastate revenues in
 10 cases where the same have not been reported.

11	For Intrastate Revenues Within the Range	The Fee is
12	Under \$10,000	\$25.00
13	\$10,000 to 50,000	50.00
14	50,001 to 200,000	75.00
15	200,001 to 500,000	150.00
16	500,001 to 1,000,000	300.00
17	over 1,000,000	500.00

18 C. Pamphlets and Publications Charge Per
 19 Copy

- 20 (1) Annual report of the Board of
 21 **【Regulatory Commissioners】** Public Utilities ... \$2.00
 22 (2) Utility annual report forms
 23 Sewer 5.00
 24 Income Sheets 2.00
 25 Railroad 10.00
 26 Telephone 10.00
 27 Water
 28 Classes A, B and C 10.00
 29 Class D 5.00
 30 Class E (Income Sheets) 2.00
 31 Buses
 32 Class A 10.00
 33 Class B 5.00
 34 Class C 2.00
 35 Gas 10.00
 36 Electric 10.00
 37 (3) Pamphlets containing rules and regulations
 38 and all other pamphlets published by the
 39 board
 40 Pamphlets with less than 25 pages... 2.00
 41 Pamphlets with 25 pages or more but less
 42 than 50 pages 2.50
 43 Pamphlets with 50 pages or more 2.50
 44 Plus \$0.25 for each additional 25 pages or
 45 fraction thereof in excess of 50 pages
 46 (4) Uniform system of accounts 10.00
 47 (5) Photocopies of documents or reports--

1	per page.....			
2	<u>smaller up to \$0.15 for legal size or larger</u>			
3				Charge for
4				Each
5				Year Covered
6	(6) Compilation of board's decisions ...			\$2.00
7	(7) Statistics of utilities--private and			
8	municipal			3.00
9	D. Subpoenas--Petition for and Issuance			Charge per
10				Subpoena
11	(1) Subpoena for the attendance of			
12	witnesses			\$2.00
13	(2) Subpoena duces tecum			5.00
14	E. Applications and Petitions Submitted to the Board			
15	(1) For approval of issuance of securities or evidences of			
16	indebtedness the filing fee shall be based on the estimated proceeds			
17	before costs and expenses of issuance. When the actual proceeds			
18	become known, the fee will be adjusted accordingly. The total			
19	filing fee will consist of a base charge plus an incremental charge			
20	per unit of \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of proceeds in excess of the			
21	lower limit of the range of the indicated block. In the case of stock			
22	dividends, the proceeds shall be taken as the amount to be			
23	transferred from earned surplus account.			
24				
25				The Incre-
26				mental
27				Charge
28	If the proceeds of the Trans-	The Base		per \$1,000
29	action Fall Within the Range	Charge is		Unit is
30	Under \$5,000	\$10.00	
31	\$5,001 to 10,000	15.00	
32	10,001 to 20,000	30.00	
33	20,001 to 30,000	50.00	
34	30,001 to 100,000	50.00		\$0.70/M
35	100,001 to 500,000	99.00		0.60/M
36	500,001 to 1,000,000	339.00		0.50/M
37	1,000,001 to 5,000,000	589.00		0.40/M
38	5,000,001 to 10,000,000	2,189.00		0.35/M
39	10,000,001 to 25,000,000	3,939.00		0.30/M
40	25,000,001 and over	8,439.00		0.25/M
41	(2) For increases in rates or fares, whether by petition, filing of			
42	revised tariff, or by petition for negotiated relief under R.S.48:2-			
43	21.1, provided that when two petitions or a petition with an			
44	amendment relate to one and the same increase only one fee shall be			
45	charged, the fees are to be based on the proposed increase in annual			
46	operating revenues for which application is made and will consist of			
47	a base charge plus an incremental charge per unit of \$1,000.00 or			

1 fraction thereof for each such unit in excess of the lower limit of the
 2 indicated range.

			The Incre-
			mental
			Charge
			per \$1,000
	If the Proposed	The Base	Unit is
	Increase Falls Within the Range	Charge is	
8	Up to \$5,000	\$25.00
9	\$5,000 to 30,000	25.00	\$2.00/M
10	30,000 to 100,000	75.00	1.80/M
11	100,000 to 300,000	201.00	1.60/M
12	300,000 to 600,000	521.00	1.40/M
13	600,000 to 1,000,000	941.00	1.20/M
14	1,000,000 to 5,000,000	1,421.00	1.00/M
15	5,000,000 to 10,000,000	5,421.00	0.80/M
16	10,000,000 to 20,000,000	9,421.00	0.60/M
17	20,000,000 and over	15,421.00	0.30/M

18 Filing of an initial rate, a contract for a special rate or any other
 19 document involving a tariff change not otherwise provided for
 20 above 25.00

21 In addition to the filing fee computed in accordance with the
 22 foregoing, the public utility shall pay a processing fee of 1/10 of 1%
 23 of the new or initial annual operating revenues or increase in annual
 24 operating revenues that may be authorized by the board, which fee
 25 in no event shall be less than 25.00

26 Filing automatic adjustment clause tariff
 27 revision..... \$25.00

(3) For sales of property or leases of property		Filing Fee
(Based on the Consideration or Annual Rental)		
30	Up to \$1,000	\$10.00
31	\$1,001 to 5,000	25.00
32	5,001 to 10,000	50.00
33	10,001 to 20,000	75.00
34	20,001 to 50,000	150.00
35	50,001 to 100,000	250.00
36	100,001 and over	350.00

37 (4) For approval of mergers Filing Fee

38 The filing fee for approval of mergers is to be based on
 39 the total utility plant account of the surviving utility and will be
 40 computed according to the schedule of charges set forth herein for
 41 sales of property or leases of property.

42 (5) For approval of a municipal consent \$20.00

43 Where petition requests approval of more
 44 than one municipal consent on the same
 45 route for each such additional consent 10.00

46 (6) For rehearing, reopening, reargument or
 47 reconsideration of any matter 15.00

1	(7) For approval of contracts under Revised	
2	Statutes 48:3-7.1.....	100.00
3	(8) For establishment of new railroad-highway	
4	crossing at grade.....	50.00
5	(9) For grade crossing separation	100.00
6	(10) For relocation or widening of grade	
7	crossing.....	100.00
8	(11) For abandonment of grade crossing ...	50.00
9	(12) For discontinuance of station agents	
10	and stations	50.00
11	(13) For authority to exercise eminent domain--	
12	for each separate parcel of property	
13	involved	100.00
14	(14) Any application or petition not herein	
15	specifically designated or described.....	25.00
16	(15) For inspection or test of electric,	
17	water or gas meter	5.00
18	(This fee is to be returned to the	
19	customer and collected from the utility	
20	in cases where the meter is found to be	
21	registering fast beyond the allowable	
22	limit of accuracy established by the board.)	
23	F. Buses or Other Motor Vehicles	
24	(1) For approval of transfer of municipal	
25	consents.....	\$25.00
26	(2) For approval of conditional sale contract,	
27	notes or chattel mortgage based on the	
28	principal amount involved	
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30		Filing Fee
31	\$5,000 or less	10.00
32	5,001 to 10,000	15.00
33	10,001 to 25,000	25.00
34	25,001 to 50,000	50.00
35	50,001 to 100,000	75.00
36	Over \$100,000	100.00
37	(3) For changes, extensions or consolidation	
38	of existing autobus routes	25.00
39	(4) For approval of leases of equipment	25.00
40		Charges
41	(5) For inspection of new bus equipment and	
42	issuance of certificate of compliance--	
43	each bus	115.00
44	(6) Specification recheck--each bus	50.00
45	(7) For issuance of duplicate certificate of	
46	compliance--each	2.00
47	(8) For inspection of autobus for restoration	

- 1 to service after removal for lack of
 2 insurance 70.00
 3 (9) For each periodic inspection of autobus by
 4 board's inspector (including first
 5 recheck)--each bus 85.00
 6 (10) Additional maintenance recheck--each bus 35.00
 7 (11) Self inspection--each bus 30.00
 8 G. Miscellaneous Filing Fee
 9 (1) Formal complaints--Costs to be assessed
 10 against the respondent utility if the
 11 complaint is sustained by the board \$25.00
 12 (2) Answers to formal complaints 10.00
 13 (3) Where the answer sets up a prayer
 14 for affirmative relief 25.00
 15 (4) Amendment to any petition or answer .. 10.00
 16 (5) Reports and statements filed by pipeline
 17 companies as required by board's rules
 18 issued under the authority of Title 48
 19 of the Revised Statutes except accident
 20 reports 200.00
 21 (6) Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.124.
 22 Charge Per
 23 Copy
 24 (7) Extra copy of any decision, order or
 25 certificate of the board [2.00
 26 Plus a charge for each page exceeding 2 pages 1.00] up to
 27 \$0.10 per letter size page or smaller, up to \$0.15 per legal size page
 28 or larger
 29 (8) Certification of any document 2.50
 30 All filing fees shall be paid at the time of the original filing of
 31 the report, application, petition or other document or paper in the
 32 matter. No pleading will be considered filed until the appropriate
 33 fees are paid. In cases where such payment is not feasible, as may
 34 be determined by the board, the amount will be due and payable on
 35 the presentation of an invoice.
 36 When a petition covers more than one matter or makes a prayer
 37 for relief with respect to more than one matter, the fee for filing the
 38 same shall be the sum of the fees that would be paid for each
 39 individual matter.
 40 When several utilities or petitioners join in the filing of a single
 41 petition, then the fees herein provided shall apply to each petitioner
 42 as may be appropriate.
 43 (cf: P.L.1993, c.124, s.1)
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 45 7. This act shall take effect immediately but shall be
 46 inoperative until the 60th day following enactment.

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This bill decreases the fees set for copies of documents in various parts of the New Jersey statutes relating to government entities, excluding the court system. The statute sections amended concern copies of certain public documents from the Office of the State Treasurer or the Board of Public Utilities, of motor vehicle accident reports, and of government records under the open public records act. The fees for copies will be up to 10 cents per page for letter size copies and up to 15 cents per page for legal size copies. Currently, there is no uniform cost for copies of documents among governmental entities.