Senate Bill No. 30-Senator Amodei

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to justices' courts; increasing the monetary limit of claims adjudicated in justices' courts pursuant to the procedure for small claims; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** NRS 4.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 4.060 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each justice of the peace shall charge and collect the following fees:
- (a) On the commencement of any action or proceeding in the justice's court, other than in actions commenced pursuant to chapter 73 of NRS, to be paid by the party commencing the action:

(c) On the appearance of any defendant, or any number of defendants answering jointly, to be paid him or them on filing the first paper in the action, or at the time of appearance:

For every additional defendant, appearing separately 6.00

- (d) No fee may be charged where a defendant or defendants appear in response to an affidavit and order issued pursuant to the provisions of chapter 73 of NRS.
 - (e) For the filing of any paper in intervention6.00

- (g) For filing a notice of appeal, and appeal bonds\$12.00 One charge only may be made if both papers are filed at the same time.

- (k) For entering judgment by confession......6.00
- (1) For preparing any copy of any record, proceeding or paper, for each page......30
- (n) For searching records or files in his office, for each year 1.00
- (o) For filing and acting upon each bail or property bond 40.00
- 2. A justice of the peace shall not charge or collect any of the fees set forth in subsection 1 for any service rendered by him to the county in which his township is located.
- 3. A justice of the peace shall not charge or collect the fee pursuant to paragraph (j) of subsection 1 if he performs a marriage ceremony in a commissioner township.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided by an ordinance adopted pursuant to the provisions of NRS 244.207, the justice of the peace shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, account for and pay to the county treasurer all fees collected during the preceding month, except for the fees he may retain as compensation and the fees he is required to pay to the state treasurer pursuant to subsection 5.
- 5. The justice of the peace shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, pay to the state treasurer half of the fees collected pursuant to paragraph (o) of subsection 1 during the preceding month. The state treasurer shall deposit the money in the fund for the compensation of victims of crime.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 73.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 73.010 In all cases arising in the justice's court for the recovery of money only, where the amount claimed does not exceed [\$3,500] \$5,000 and the defendant named:
 - 1. Is a resident of:
 - 2. Does business in: or
 - 3. Is employed in,

the township in which the action is to be maintained, the justice of the peace may proceed as provided in this chapter and by rules of court.

Sec. 3. The amendatory provisions of this act apply only to an action filed on or after October 1, 1999.

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