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## **EXPLANATION OF S.B. 106**

(Prepared by the Legal Division)

This bill authorizes county clerks to impose an additional fee for the filing of certain actions and responses thereto in district courts to offset a portion of the costs of providing technology to the courts.

**Section 1** of this bill amends chapter 19 of NRS by adding a new section that authorizes the county clerk to impose an additional \$20 fee on the commencement of any civil action or proceeding in the district court for which a filing fee is required, and on the filing of any answer or appearance in any such action or proceeding for which a filing fee is required. For each fee received, five dollars is to be credited to a special account in the county general fund for the use of the district court for technological purposes and fifteen dollars is to be credited to a special account in the State General Fund to be distributed to the Office of Court Administrator<sup>1</sup> for the use of the courts for technological purposes.<sup>2</sup> The money in each special account is restricted to the use specified, and the balance in each special account must be carried forward at the end of each fiscal year.

**Section 2** makes this bill effective on July 1, 2003.

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<sup>1</sup> As used in this section, "Office of Court Administrator" means the Office of Court Administrator created pursuant to NRS 1.320.

<sup>2</sup> As used in this section, "technological purposes" means the acquisition or improvement of technology, including, without limitation, acquiring or improving technology for converting and archiving records, purchasing hardware and software, maintaining the technology, training employees in the operation of the technology and contracting for professional services relating to the technology.