

By Senator Bennett

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to electronic filing of court and  
3           other legal documents; requiring that a litigant in  
4           the courts of this state, the Division of  
5           Administrative Hearings, or the Office of the Judges  
6           of Compensation Claims pay a specified surcharge in  
7           addition to any other cost incurred for filing court  
8           and other legal documents by means of paper documents  
9           instead of electronically filing the documents;  
10          providing an exception for a person who is indigent;  
11          providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Electronic filing of court and other legal  
16 documents; surcharge for nonelectronic filing.-

17           (1) A litigant who is required to electronically file a  
18 court or other legal document in a court of this state, in the  
19 Division of Administrative Hearings, or in the Office of the  
20 Judges of Compensation Claims shall pay a surcharge in addition  
21 to any other cost incurred if the litigant files a paper  
22 document instead of electronically filing the document. The  
23 surcharge shall equal 3.5 percent of the cost of filing the  
24 document electronically.

25           (2) This section does not apply to a litigant who is  
26 indigent as determined by s. 27.52, Florida Statutes.

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.