

# COURT FEE SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 2024

**Aransas County Clerk**

<b>MISCELLANEOUS COURTS AND NON-COURT FEES</b>			
<b>Preparation of the Record for Appeals or Transfer</b>			
<i>(Estates Code; 33.105, 1023.006) (Family Code; 155.207) (Government Code; 51.3071, 51.403)</i>			
Clerk's Certificate and Index	118.052 LGC		\$ 5.00
<i>*Plus – copies (see below)</i>	118.052 LGC		-
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 5.00 + copies</b>
<b>Copy Fee</b>			
Per page-printed	118.052 LGC		\$ 1.00 per page
Emailed if available from electronic format	118.052 LGC	For each document up to 10 pages: For each page or part of page over 10:	\$ 1.00 \$ 0.10/page
Per page-printed and/or scanned into electronic format for purpose of emailing	118.052 LGC		\$ 1.00 per page
<b>Certified Copy Fee</b>			
(per document, add to the total of copy fee) (Available in print only - no electronically certified issued)	118.052 LGC	(added to printed copy fee)	\$ 5.00
<b>Exemplified Copy Fee</b>			
(3 way certified, add to total of certified copy) \$5/clerk; \$5/judge) (Available in print only - no electronically certified issued)	118.014 LGC	(added to certified copy fee)	\$ 10.00
<b>RETURNED CHECK CHARGE</b>			
	118.011(b)(1) LGC		\$ 30.00
<b>Jury Fee – Criminal</b>	TRCP Rule 216		\$ 5.00
<b>Motion/Order to Open Safe Deposit Box</b> <i>See Probate Court Fees</i>			
<b>Wills For Safekeeping (Estates Code, Chapter 252) Non-Court Fee for Official Public Records</b>			
Clerk Recording Fee	118.011 LGC		\$ 5.00
Records Management Fee	118.0216 LGC		\$ 10.00
County Clerk Records Archive Fee	118.025 LGC		\$ 10.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>THIS CAN BE A ONE-TIME FEE; HOWEVER, IF A WILL IS WITHDRAWN AND THEN RE-SUBMITTED, THE FEE WILL BE RE-CHARGED EACH TIME IT IS RE-SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY CLERK.</b>			
<b>Probate Name Search Fee</b>	118.052 (3)(G) LGC		\$ 5.00
<b>Guardianship Criminal History Record Fee</b>	1104.402 Estates Code		\$ 10.00

**PROBATE COURT FILING FEES**  
(Art. 118.052 LGC) TEC=Texas Estates Code

*New Cases – initial filing fees as set out by statute (updated to reflect changes made by Senate Bill 41)*

**Breakdown of Initial Filing Fees as set out by statute**

<b>State Consolidated Filing Fee</b>	133.151 LGC	<b>\$137.00</b>
<b>Local Consolidated Fee</b>		
Appellate Judicial System Fund - 13th Court of Appeals	135.102 LGC	\$ 5.00
Court Facility Fee Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 20.00
County Clerk	135.102 LGC	\$ 40.00
County Records Management & Preservation Account	135.102 LGC	\$ 15.00
Court Reporter Service Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 25.00
County Law Library Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 35.00
Courthouse Security Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 20.00
Language Access Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 3.00
County Jury Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 10.00
County Dispute Resolution Fund^	135.102 LGC	\$ 15.00
Court Initiated Guardianship Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 20.00
Judicial Education and Support Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 5.00
Public Probate Administrator Fund ^^	135.102 LGC	\$ 10.00
<b>Local Consolidated Fee Total</b>		<b>\$223.00</b>
<b>Total Probate Filing Fees Established by SB 41</b>		<b>\$360.00</b>
<i>^If county does not have fund established, payment will be submitted to the State.</i>		
<i>^^If county does not have fund established, fee will be collected under Court Initiated Guardianship Fund.</i>		
<b>*Statutory Fee Charges</b>		
Issuance of Citation	118.059(c) LGC	\$ 8.00*
Judge's Order/Signature	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00/per order signed
Sheriff – <i>post citation</i>	--	\$ 60.00
<i>Issuance of each additional citations = \$8.00 each citation</i>		
<i>*Plus – by type of service; if required or requested:</i>		
Personal Service, Citation by Publication or Certified Mail	118.052(3)(F) LGC, 118.063 LGC	\$ 150.00
Administering Oath	118.056 LGC	\$ 2.00
<b>**If bond required of executor(rix)/administrator(rix)</b>	118.052(2)(A)(ii) LGC , 118.056 LGC	\$ 5.00

**PROBATE COURT FILING FEES** *(continued)*

**Letters Testamentary**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File	\$ 70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

**Independent Administration**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File	\$ 70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

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State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File	\$ 70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

**Dependent Administration**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File	\$ 70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

**PROBATE COURT FILING FEES** *(continued)*

**Temporary Administration**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
<i>* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File</i>	\$ 70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

**Determination of Heirship**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Citation – Publication	\$ 8.00
Publication Service	\$ 150.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
<i>* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File</i>	\$ 230.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 590.00</b>

**Other Estate Proceedings**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
<i>* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File</i>	\$ 70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

**Small Estate Affidavit**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
<i>* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File</i>	\$ 2.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 362.00</b>

**PROBATE COURT FILING FEES (continued)**

**Foreign Probate / Will**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>

**Application to Open Safe Deposit Box**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>

**Guardianship of Adult or Minor**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Posting	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Posting of Citation)	\$ 60.00
Citation – Personal / Ward	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Personal Service of Citation)	\$ 150.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File	\$ 230.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 590.00</b>

**Temporary Guardianship**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
Initial Filing Fee	\$ 360.00
Citation – Personal / Ward	\$ 8.00
Sheriff (Personal Service of Citation)	\$ 150.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
Judge’s Order/Signature	\$ 2.00
* Statutory Fee Total included on E-File	\$ 230.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 520.00</b>

**Transfer of Guardianship into Aransas County**

State Consolidated	\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated	\$ 223.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>

**PROBATE COURT FILING FEES (continued)**

**Application to Sell Minor's Interest Without Guardianship**

State Consolidated		\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated		\$ 223.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 360.00</b>

**Application to Sell Minor's Interest Without Guardianship**

State Consolidated		\$ 137.00
Local Consolidated		\$ 223.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 360.00</b>

**Each Subsequent Action, Cross or Adverse Action (including Motion for New Trial), Payment of Claim without Guardianship, Administration and/or Petition for Interpleader**

<b>State Consolidated Fee</b>	133.151 LGC	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Local Consolidated Fee</b>		
County Clerk – Clerk of the Court	135.102 LGC	\$ 40.00
Records Management & Preservation Account	135.102 LGC	\$ 5.00
Court-Initiated Guardianship Fund	135.102 LGC	\$ 20.00
Public Probate Administrator Fund ^^	135.102 LGC	\$ 10.00
<b>Local Consolidated Fee Total</b>		<b>\$ 75.00</b>
Judge's Order/Signature		\$ 2.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 122.00</b>

*^^If county does not have fund established, fee will be collected under Court Initiated Guardianship Fund.*

**For Issuance of Notice**

County Clerk Issuance of Citation		\$ 8.00
Sheriff's Fee for Posting		\$ 60.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 68.00</b>

*Issuance of each additional citations = \$8.00 each citation*

*\*Plus – by type of service; if required or requested:*

Personal Service, Citation by Publication or Certified Mail**	118.052(3)(F) LGC, 118.063 LGC	\$ 150.00
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*\*\*Plus – Cost of Postage*

**Charged for filing, after the 90th day after the personal representative has qualified to serve:**

Inventory, Appraisalment & List of Claims (original or amended)	118.052 LGC	\$ 25.00
Judge's Order/Signature	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>Filing an Annual Account (original or amended)</b>	118.052 LGC	\$ 25.00
Judge's Order/Signature	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 27.00</b>

**PROBATE COURT FILING FEES** *(continued)*

<b>Filing Final Account (original or amended)</b>	118.052 LGC	\$ 25.00
(Need) Order Directing Citation	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
County Clerk Issuance of Citation		\$ 8.00
Judge's Order/Signature	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
Sheriff's Fee for Posting		\$ 60.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 97.00</b>
<b>Filing an Annual or Final Report of Guardian of a Person (original or amended)</b>	118.052(2) LGC	\$ 10.00
Judge's Order/Signature	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>Filing an Application for Sale of Real or Personal Property (original or amended)</b>	118.052(2) LGC	\$ 25.00
(Need) Order Directing Citation	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
County Clerk Issuance of Citation		\$ 8.00
Judge's Order/Signature	118.101 LGC	\$ 2.00
Sheriff's Fee for Posting		\$ 60.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 97.00</b>
<b>Affidavit Closing Estate</b>		\$ 15.00
<b>Claim Against Estate</b>	118.052 (2)(A)(vii) LGC	\$ 10.00
<b>Filing documents not listed under Probate Court Actions, LGC or above – any document containing more than 25 pages:</b>	118.055(b)(ii) LGC	\$ 25.00
<b>Letters of Administration, Guardianship, or Testamentary (each letter)</b>		\$ 2.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters are not documents filed into the probate cause; therefore should not be included in real property recordings. Letters are only able to be issued to the court ordered administrator(s) or executor(s) of estates, or guardian(s) (of the person, estate or both), or the attorney of record for those persons.</li> <li>• Letters Testamentary are always original issuances from the Clerk; no copies are made. Only the executor, administrator, guardian or the attorney of record can receive Letters. Letters of Guardianship may be granted by the probate court after an application is filed and a guardian is qualified. Please consult with your attorney for more information.</li> </ul>		
<b>Certificate of Inheritance Tax paid (attached to Affidavit and recorded in Official Records – regular recording fees)</b>		\$ 16.00/\$ 4.00

## CIVIL FILING FEES

**All New Civil Petitions** (Includes Occupational Driver's License<sup>^^</sup>, Petitions for Non-Disclosure, Condemnation Suits (no service by clerk and fees are collected after award), Garnishments After Judgment), Judgement NISI

### Breakdown of Initial Filing Fees as set out by statute

<b>State Consolidated Filing Fee</b>	133.151 LGC	<b>\$ 137.00</b>
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#### Local Consolidated Fee

Appellate Judicial System Fund - 13th Court of Appeals	135.101 LGC	\$ 5.00
Court Facility Fee Fund	135.101 LGC	\$ 20.00
County Clerk	135.101 LGC	\$ 50.00
County Records Management & Preservation Account	135.101 LGC	\$ 30.00
Court Reporter Service Fund	135.101 LGC	\$ 25.00
County Law Library Fund	135.101 LGC	\$ 35.00
Courthouse Security Fund	135.101 LGC	\$ 20.00
Language Access Fund	135.101 LGC	\$ 3.00
County Jury Fund	135.101 LGC	\$ 10.00
County Dispute Resolution Fund <sup>^</sup>	135.101 LGC	\$ 15.00

<b>Local Consolidated Fee Total</b>	<b>\$ 213.00</b>
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<b>Total Civil Filing Fees Established by SB 41</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
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<sup>^</sup> If no County Dispute Resolution Fund, amount to be remitted to the State

<sup>^^</sup> Additional \$20 fee for certified copies of Petition and Order, for Petitioner and State

**Writ of Garnishment:** Clerk collects all fees for filing the Writ of Garnishment after Judgment.

*This fee is the same as a New Civil filing fee of \$350.00 plus \$15.00 for preparing the Writ (118.052 LGC).*

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 365.00</b>
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No Writ of Garnishment shall be issued before final Judgment until the party applying has filed with the Clerk an order signed by the Court after a hearing. The Court shall further find in its order the amount of bond required payable to the Defendant in the amount fixed by Court Order.

#### Non-Disclosure Granted by Judge as a Result of a Criminal Disposition

*\*\*Expunctions are handled through the District Courts. Please contact the District Clerk for filing information. \*\**

If applicable to file within criminal charge	411.072 GC	\$ 28.00
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#### Cross-Action or Interpleading

County Clerk	135.101 LGC	\$ 15.00
Records Management & Preservation Account	135.101 LGC	\$ 20.00

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
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#### Writs, Citation, Subpoenas, Garnishment

Issue Each Writ	118.052, 118.059 LGC	\$ 8.00
Abstract for Judgment	118.052 LGC	\$ 8.00
Execution	118.052, 118.059 LGC	\$ 8.00
Order of Sale	118.052, 118.059 LGC	\$ 8.00
Show Cause	118.052, 118.059 LGC	\$ 8.00
Citation	118.052, 118.059 LGC	\$ 8.00
Subpoena	118.052 LGC	\$ 8.00



**CIVIL FILING FEES (continued)**

Garnishment after Judgment	118.052 LGC	\$ 15.00
Writ of Sequestration	118.052 LGC	\$ 8.00
<i>Issuance of each additional citations = \$8.00 each citation</i>		
<i>*Plus – by type of service; if required or requested:</i>		
Citation by Posting		\$ 60.00
Personal Service, Citation by Publication or Certified Mail**	118.052(3)(F) LGC, 118.063 LGC	\$ 150.00
<i>**Plus – Cost of Postage</i>		

<b>MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL COURT COSTS</b>	
<i>Sample Bill of Cost</i>	
<b>Misdemeanor Court Costs</b>	
Local Consolidated Fee Total	\$ 123.00
State Consolidated Fee Total	\$ 147.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 270.00</b>
<b>Mandatory Reimbursement</b>	
Court Appointed Attorney <i>(determined by Judge)</i>	\$ -.00
Sheriff <i>(determined by charge)</i>	\$ -.00
Visual Recording Fee <i>(\$15) (DWI)</i>	\$ -.00
Subpoena Witness <i>(\$5/per witness each time issued)</i>	\$ -.00
Issuance of Subpoena <i>(subpoena, citation, notice, commission to take depositions, execution, order, writ, process, or other instrument or paper authorized or required to be issued by the clerk: 118.059 LGC)</i>	\$ -.00
Summoning Jury <i>(\$5)</i>	\$ -.00
<i>Optional Reimbursement Fee</i>	\$ -.00
<b>Fines</b>	
General Fine <i>(determined by Judge)</i>	\$ -.00
<b>Mandatory Fines</b>	
<i>DWI Traffic Fine (\$3,000**, \$4,500*** or \$6,000****)</i>	\$ -.00
EMS Trauma Fund, DWI <i>(\$100)</i>	\$ -.00
Family Violence Fine, AFFV <i>(\$100)</i>	\$ -.00
State Traffic Fine <i>(determined by charge)</i>	\$ -.00
<b>Total:</b>	

**\*An additional time payment fee of \$15 will be assessed if any part of a fine, court costs, or restitution is paid on or after the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date the judgment assessing the fine, court costs or restitution is entered, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 133.103.**

**\*An additional \$2.00 transaction fee will be assessed on each payment toward the fine, restitution and court costs that are assessed pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 102.072.**

**\*An additional collection fee of 30% of the amount of any fine, court costs and restitution that is ordered to be paid and is more than 60 days past due will also be assessed pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 103.0031.**

**DWI Traffic Fines – Transp. Code § 709.001 (only on final convictions - does not include community supervision)**

**\*\* First Conviction within a 3 year period \$3,000; \*\*\* Second or subsequent conviction within a 3 year period \$4,500; \*\*\*\* First or Subsequent conviction if BAC >=0.15 at time of analysis \$6,000**