



Georgia Legislature Increase Court Filing Fees

To raise additional revenue, the Georgia Legislature passed a law substantially increasing filing fees and other court costs for legal actions. The new fees became effective May 12, 2010.

While the amount of filing fees and court costs currently varies from county to county, there is an overall increase of \$125 for each civil action filed in either State Court or Superior Court, as well as an increase of \$25 for service of lawsuits. This increase is in addition to the fees currently being charged by the respective courts.

This means that for every new collection lawsuit or garnishment being filed in State or Superior Court after May 12, 2010, filing fees will be \$125 higher and County service fees will be \$25 higher than previous fees. The overall increase in fees will also impact other court filings, such as garnishments. Accordingly, you may see an increase in costs assessed to your association beginning with the May, 2010 bills. On a positive note, the law still allows for recovery of these fees from your delinquent owners, and L&J has had great success collecting these fees.

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