

1 ~~traffic violation, and except cases under the Small Claims Procedure~~
2 ~~Act, Section 1751 et seq. of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

3 This section shall not apply to municipal courts not of record in
4 this state. When receiving payment in the form of United States
5 currency, the court clerk shall not be required to accept payment
6 that consists of unrolled coins in an amount greater than Ten
7 Dollars (\$10.00).

8 B. 1. As authorized by the Administrative Office of the
9 Courts, the court clerk may accept a nationally recognized credit or
10 debit card or other electronic payment method for any lawful
11 purpose, including, but not limited to, payment for any fee, fine,
12 forfeiture payment, cost, penalty assessment, or other charge or
13 collection to be assessed or collected by the court clerk under the
14 laws of this state. The court clerk shall not collect a fee for the
15 acceptance of the nationally recognized credit or debit card. Prior
16 to the distribution of any fees provided for by law, the court clerk
17 shall apportion on a pro rata basis the costs associated with the
18 administration, acceptance, processing, and verification of the
19 credit card or debit card among all state, municipal, or other
20 government entities or funds that are entitled by law to receive any
21 payments from the court clerk from any fee, fine, forfeiture
22 payment, cost, penalty assessment, or other collection. All credit
23 and debit card costs shall be deducted from the fees, fines,
24 forfeiture payments, costs, penalty assessments, or other

1 collections before transmittal is made to state, municipal, or
2 government entities or funds pursuant to the provisions of any law
3 of this state that direct a court clerk to pay any amount or any
4 portion of any fee, fine, forfeiture payment, cost, penalty
5 assessment, or other collection to another state, municipal, or
6 other government entity or fund. Each state, municipal, or other
7 government entity or fund entitled to payment shall then receive
8 only its statutory share less its prorated share of the credit or
9 debit card costs. For purposes of this subsection, "nationally
10 recognized credit card" means any instrument or device, whether
11 known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate, or by any other
12 name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the
13 cardholder in obtaining goods, services, or anything else of value.
14 "Debit card" means an identification card or device issued to a
15 person by a business organization which permits such person to
16 obtain access to or activate a consumer banking electronic facility.
17 The Administrative Office of the Courts is authorized to negotiate
18 and organize statewide contracts for the acceptance and processing
19 of credit and debit cards and equipment related thereto.

20 2. Written procedures for acceptance or rejection of credit
21 cards shall be established by the Office of the State Auditor and
22 Inspector with approval and direction to court clerks to be issued
23 by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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1 C. Payment for any fee provided for in this title may be made
2 by a personal or business check. The court clerk, at the court
3 clerk's discretion, may:

4 1. Add an amount equal to the amount of the service charge
5 incurred, not to exceed three percent (3%) of the amount of the
6 check as a service charge for the acceptance and verification of the
7 check; or

8 2. Add an amount of no more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) as a
9 service charge for the acceptance and verification of a check. For
10 purposes of this subsection, "personal or business check" shall not
11 mean a money order, cashier's check, or bank certified check.

12 D. The Supreme Court is authorized to institute a cost
13 collection program for collection of fees, fines, costs, and
14 assessments provided for in this title.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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18 dated 04/11/2023 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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