

An Act to increase police officer safety and enhance law enforcement and court efficiency.

NEW SECTION Sec. 1.

(a) As used in this Section, "electronic citation" means the process of transmitting traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, conservation, or other citations and law enforcement data via electronic means to the court in which the matter will be heard.

(b) To defray the expense of establishing and maintaining electronic citations, each court shall charge and collect an electronic citation fee of \$5. Such fee shall be paid by the defendant for any traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or conservation citation issued upon a plea of *nolo contendere*, plea of guilty, to the charge in the citation or a lesser charge associated with the citation, or a verdict of guilty. This fee shall be in addition to all other fees and charges and assessable as costs and shall not be waived.

(c) One dollar (\$1.00) of the electronic citation fee shall be retained by the court. Four dollars (\$4.00) of the electronic citation fee shall be transmitted monthly by the Clerk of the Court to the law enforcement agency that prepared the traffic citation that resulted in a plea of *nolo contendere*, a plea of guilty or a verdict of guilty.

(d) All funds derived from the electronic traffic citation fee that are retained by the court or transmitted to the law enforcement agency that prepared the traffic citation pursuant to this Section shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund of such court or law enforcement agency and may only be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Procurement of electronic citation systems and related expenditures; and
- (2) Ongoing maintenance, repair, overhaul and replacement of hardware and software related to electronic citation systems.

(e) All funds collected under this Section shall be preserved and employed exclusively for the purposes set forth above and shall not, in any instance, revert to the general fund of the Court, law enforcement agency which prepared the citation or any other related unit of government at the end of the budget year in which the citation was issued, if unexpended.

(f) The Clerk of the Court shall not charge and collect an electronic citation fee if the County or Municipal Council which governs the issuing law enforcement agency has, by ordinance, elected not to be subject to this Section. Any funds allocated to the Electronic Citation Fund collected under this Section before such an ordinance takes effect shall be disbursed to the State Police for expenses related to the establishment and maintenance of electronic citations.

(g) Persons issued a citation pursuant to this Section shall be provided with a paper copy of the citation at the time the citation is issued.

NEW SECTION Sec. 2. This act shall take effect on _____, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all offenses occurring on or after such date.

The logo for eCitationCoalition features the word "eCitationCoalition" in a sans-serif font. The "e" is green, and the "C" is larger and also green. To the right of the "C" is a green Wi-Fi signal icon. The rest of the text "itationCoalition" is in a dark grey color.

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