

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGE
(Comments Due by Friday, March 16, 2018)

The Alaska Court System seeks comments on the following proposed rule change:

Minor Offense Rule 10 (e), (f)(1) — Increasing the allowed court and collection costs from \$25 to \$35.

This proposal would increase by \$10 the court and collection costs that may be collected under Minor Offense Rules 10(e) and (f)(1). These costs have not been increased since 1998.

In arriving at the \$35 cost, the proponent of the rule change analyzed the cumulative inflation since 1998. The requested \$10 cost increase is slightly lower than what would be needed to fully account for the effects of inflation.

Under the proposal, Minor Offense Rule 10 would be amended to read as follows:

Rule 10. Judgment, Costs, Fees, and Relief from Default Judgment.

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(e) **Court Costs for Default Judgments.** A default judgment entered under Rule 9 must require the defendant to pay court costs in the amount of ~~\$25~~\$35 per case. Court costs imposed under this rule must be deposited in the state general fund.

(f) **Collection Costs—All Judgments.**

(1) The defendant will be assessed ~~\$25~~\$35 per case in collection costs if the judgment is transferred for collection against the defendant's Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend as provided in Administrative Bulletin 43. The court may waive this collection cost upon a showing of good cause. Collection costs imposed under this paragraph belong to the political entity that prosecuted the offense.

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*Proposed changes to existing rules are shown in "legislative" style: new language is underlined, and deleted language is struck through.

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Comments are due by Friday, March 16, 2018. Thank you for your time and consideration.