

HOUSE BILL 554

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE POOR PERSONS TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND A COURT ORDER OF APPROVAL BEFORE THE FILING FEE REQUIRED FOR PROSECUTION OR DEFENSE OF A CLAIM MAY BE WAIVED; AND AMENDING SECTION 25-10-404, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 25-10-404, MCA, is amended to read:

"25-10-404. Poor persons not required to prepay fees.

Any person, who will file an affidavit stating that he has a good cause of action or defense and that he is unable to pay the costs or procure security to secure the same, supported by a financial statement, along with an order from the court approving a request for waiver of fees, may commence and prosecute or defend an action in any of the courts and administrative tribunals of this state; then it is hereby made the duty of the officers of the courts and administrative tribunals to issue all writs and serve the same and perform all services in the action without demanding or receiving their fees in advance."

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