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## HOUSE BILL 544

## 51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR A CAP OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300) ON FILING FEES TO COUNTY CLERKS FOR RECORDING A SINGLE DOCUMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 14-8-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1901, Chapter 62, Section 19, as amended) is amended to read:

"14-8-15. PAYMENT OF FEES--DISPOSITION. --

- No county clerk shall receive any instrument of writing for filing or record unless the fees for such filing and recording have first been paid.
- Unless otherwise specified by law, the county clerk shall collect a recording fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each document filed or recorded by the county clerk.

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C. If a document being filed or recorded contains more than ten entries to the county recording index, the county clerk shall collect an additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each additional block of ten or fewer entries to the county recording index from the document, but in no case shall the total fee for a document exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

D. To the extent documents described in Section 14-8-13 NMSA 1978 are filed or recorded in the office of the county clerk, the documents shall be received pursuant to the fees described in this section.

E. For each fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) collected by the county clerk pursuant to this section, eighteen dollars (\$18.00) shall be deposited in the county general fund and seven dollars (\$7.00) shall be deposited in the county clerk recording and filing fund."

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