



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 5, 2013

Ordinance 17683

Proposed No. 2013-0429.1

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE repealing a processing fee for
2 defendants requesting counsel at public expense; amending
3 Ordinance 10167, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.
4 2.60.054 and repealing Ordinance 17588, Section 9 and
5 K.C.C. 4A.65.110.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 17588, Section 9, and K.C.C. 4A.65.010 are each hereby
8 repealed.

9 SECTION 2. Ordinance 10167, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.054 are
10 each hereby amended to read as follows:

11 ~~((A. A defendant requesting counsel at public expense shall pay a processing fee,~~
12 ~~as specified in K.C.C. 4A.645.010, as reimbursement to King County for the~~
13 ~~administrative costs and expenses incurred in the processing of the application. The~~
14 ~~processing fees is payable at the time the request for counsel is made to the department of~~
15 ~~public defense. Processing fees are not refundable, even if the defendant is determined to~~
16 ~~be not eligible for counsel at public expense. A defendant shall not be denied counsel~~
17 ~~because the defendant cannot pay the processing fee.~~

18 B.)) To be eligible to receive legal defense services through the public defense
19 program at no cost, the person must be financially unable to obtain adequate

20 representation without substantial hardship to the person and the person's family and
21 there must be some factual likelihood that the person will be deprived of his or her
22 liberty. If a person has some resources available that can be used to secure representation
23 but not sufficient resources to pay the entire costs of private legal services without
24 substantial hardship to the person and the person's family, the department of public

25 defense shall determine how much the person shall pay for the legal defense services
26 provided through the department of public defense.
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Ordinance 17683 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/4/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski
No: 0
Excused: 0


KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 14 day of November, 2013.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None