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A Bill

SENATE BILL 442

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ANY COURT COSTS AND FEES PAID
10 BY A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL CASE SHALL BE REFUNDED
11 TO HIM OR HER IF FOUND NOT GUILTY OR ACQUITTED; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 92, Subchapter 1, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 16-92-107. Court costs and fees - Defendant refunded - Definition.

27 (a) Any court costs and fees paid by a defendant in a criminal case in
28 a district or circuit court shall be refunded to the defendant if he or she
29 is found not guilty or is acquitted.

30 (b) If a defendant is found not guilty or is acquitted for one (1) or
31 more charges but not all charges, only the court costs and fees paid by the
32 defendant specifically associated with the charge of which he or she was
33 found not guilty or is acquitted shall be refunded to the defendant.

34 (c) As used in this section, "court costs and fees" include without
35 limitation any sum paid by the defendant to a government entity or to a third
36 party responsible for remitting the sum to a governmental entity.

