

Probate Fees for Bell County

Effective 01/01/2022

PROBATE COURT ACTIONS (New Cases Filed)

(Independent Executor & Muniment of Title, Small Estate Affidavit, Foreign Will, Application to Open Safety Deposit Box, Guardianship Management Trust, Mental Illness, Sale of Property, Letters of Administration Only)

Local Consolidated Fee	\$	223.00	SB 41 87th Legislative Regular Session
State Consolidated Fee	\$	137.00	SB 41 87th Legislative Regular Session
Total Fee	\$	360.00	

PROBATE COURT ACTIONS (New Cases Filed)

(Letters of Administration with Determination of Heirship, Determination of Heirship, Application to Declare Heirship & Application for Guardianships)

Local Consolidated Fee	\$	223.00	SB 41 87th Legislative Regular Session
State Consolidated Fee	\$	137.00	SB 41 87th Legislative Regular Session
Attorney Ad Litem Fee Deposit	\$	500.00	EC Sec 53.104
Total Fee	\$	860.00	

ACTION WITHIN EXISTING CASE (Adverse Probate Action, Counterclaim, Cross-Action, Intervention, Interpleader, Third-Party Action, Contest, Re-Open)

Local Consolidated Fee	\$	75.00	SB 41 87th Legislative Regular Session
State Consolidated Fee	\$	45.00	SB 41 87th Legislative Regular Session
Total - Civil Filing Fees	\$	120.00	

CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE

County Clerk Fee	\$	10.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(D)
County Judge	\$	2.00	LGC Sec. 118.101
Total Fee	\$	12.00	

ISSUING OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

County Clerk Fee	\$	2.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(3)(D)
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CITATIONS & SERVICE

Issuing of Citation, Show Cause, Subpoena		\$ 8.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(3)(A) & 118.059
Service Sheriff - Personal Service & Certified Mail	CC	\$ 80.00	LGC Sec. 118.131
Service-Publication or Sheriff - Posting	CC	\$ 70.00	LGC Sec. 118.131
Issuance of Citation & Service by Publication or Posting		\$ 78.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(3)(F) & 118.063

OTHER PROBATE FEES

Approving and Recording Bond		\$ 5.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(B)(ii)
Inventory, Appraisement and List of Claims(90 days after Qualification)		\$ 27.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(A)(i) & 118.101
Annual Account		\$ 27.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(A)(iv) & 118.101
Annual Report on Ward		\$ 12.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(A)(vi) & 118.101
Final Account or Settlement	*	\$ 105.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(A)(iv) & 118.101
Appl for Sale of Real or Personal Property (Within an Existing Case)	*	\$ 105.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(A)(v) & 118.101
Add'l Fee for Documents over 25 pages (after I & A approved or 120 days from Qualification)		\$ 25.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(2)(A)(vii)

*Notice required for Final Accts and Application for Sale of Real or Personal Property

*Notice required for Application for Distribution of Estate

Fees noted are all encompassing for the captioned filing type. Other miscellaneous fees, <i>as required or allowed by statute</i> , may be due for actions that occur after 120 days of the original filing or atypical actions not listed filing)		\$ 2.00	LGC Sec. 118.101
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TRUST FUNDS

Deposits for Trust Funds placed in a fund that did not draw interest (to compensate the county for the accounting and administrative expenses incurred in handling the trust funds a fee may be charged)	Up to \$50.00	LGC Sec. 117.055(a)
If the Fund earns interest (Through a CD or Interest Baring account) the County may charge 10% of the earned interest to compensate the county for the accounting and administrative expenses of maintaining the account.		LGC Sec. 117.054(b)

+ Court Appointed Fees

Health & Safety Code Sec 571.017

* Subject to Change

CC = Commissioner's Court

SAFEKEEPING OF WILLS

County Clerk Fee	\$ 5.00	LGC Sec. 118.052(3e)
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SEARCH FEES

To search files or records to locate a cause or name.

\$ 5.00/per LGC Sec. 118.011

COPIES per page

\$ 1.00 LGC Sec. 118.052(3) & LGC 118.0605

CERTIFICATION

\$ 1.00 LGC Sec. 118.011(3) & 118.014

CERTIFICATION-Exemplified

\$ 5.00 LGC Sec. 118.052(3) & LGC 118.0605