- (J) "WELFARE COMMISSARY LEVEL" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT A PRISONER'S ACCOUNT BALANCE MUST FALL BELOW BEFORE THE PRISONER IS ISSUED PERSONAL SUPPLIES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PRISONER'S CUSTODIAN.
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- (A) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PRISONER WHO MAINTAINS A CIVIL ACTION SHALL PAY THE FULL AMOUNT ALL OR A PORTION OF THE APPLICABLE FILING FEE, AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT.
- (II) UNLESS A WAIVER IS GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A FEE DETERMINED BY THE COURT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE AT LEAST 25 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE FILING FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED FOR A CIVIL ACTION.
 - (2) THE COURT MAY:
- (I) AUTHORIZE ANY FEE TO BE PAID OVER A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME; AND
 - (II) ESTABLISH A PAYMENT SCHEDULE.
- (2) (3) UNTIL ANY APPLICABLE FILING FEE IS PAID IN FULL OR WAIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, SERVICE OF THE COMPLAINT SHALL BE WITHHELD, DISCOVERY MAY NOT COMMENCE, AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS MAY NOT BE CONVENED.
- (B) IN ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE FILING FEE TO BE PAID UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER, BASED ON INFORMATION IN THE COMPLAINT AND PROVIDED BY THE PRISONER:
 - (1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CLAIM:
 - (2) THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS;
 - (3) THE URGENCY OF CONSIDERATION;
- (4) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE IN ANY INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNT AND ANY ACCOUNT OUTSIDE OF THE INSTITUTION;
- (5) THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE PRISONER IN THE INSTITUTION AND INCOME FROM THE EMPLOYMENT;
 - (6) ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRISONER; AND
- (7) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT IS LIKELY TO PASS BEFORE THE FILING FEE THAT IS IMPOSED IS ABLE TO BE PAID.
- (B) (1) A PRISONER SEEKING TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CLERK A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE TRANSACTION AND BALANCE RECORD OF THE PRISONER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE 6-MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT OR NOTICE OF APPEAL.