

**Filing Fee Exemptions** - note: This table includes only the statutes that have come to the AO's attention. There may be similar exemptions under other statutes.

Entity or type of proceeding	Statute	Scope of exemption
National Railroad Adjustment Board, enforcement of order	45 U.S.C. §153(p)	Petitioner is not liable for costs in the district court or at any subsequent stage of the proceedings unless they accrue upon appeal; such costs shall be paid out of the appropriation for the expenses of the courts of the United States.
Railroad Retirement Board, petition to <b>U.S. Court of Appeals</b> for review of benefit decision	45 U.S.C. §355(f)	An applicant for review of a final decision of the Board concerning a claim for benefits shall not be liable for costs, including costs of service, or costs of printing records, <b>except that costs may be assessed</b> by the court against such applicant if the court determines that the proceedings for such review have been instituted or continued without reasonable ground.
Commodities Futures Trading Act, petition for enforcement of reparation award	7 U.S.C. § 18(d)(1)	Petitioner is not liable for costs in the district court or at any subsequent stage of the proceedings unless they accrue upon appeal.
Packers and Stockyards Act, petition for enforcement of damages award	7 U.S.C. § 210(f)	Petitioner is not liable for costs in the district court or at any subsequent stage of the proceedings unless they accrue upon appeal.
Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, petition for enforcement of reparation award	7 U.S.C. § 499g(b)	Petitioner is not liable for costs in the district court or at any subsequent stage of the proceedings unless they accrue upon appeal.
Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, appeal to U.S. district court from reparation award	7 U.S.C. § 499g(d)	Appellee is not liable for costs in the district court.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	12 U.S.C. § 1819(b) P.L. 101-73, § 209, August 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 216.	The FDIC is considered a Federal party when it appears in court in any capacity and thus is exempted from filing and other court fees to the same extent as the United States attorneys and other federal agency counsel.  <b>Note:</b> The depository institutions under FDIC receivership or conservatorship are <u>not</u> granted Federal-party status and thus must pay filing and other fees when litigating in their own names.
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	12 U.S.C. § 1452(e)(1)	Same as FDIC.
Military servicemen & veterans	38 U.S.C. §§ 4301-4335, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).	No fees or court costs are charged or taxed against any person claiming rights under USERRA. 38 U.S.C. § 4323(h)(1)
Resolution Trust Corporation	12 U.S.C. § 1441a(b)(1); P.L. 101-73, § 501(a), August 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 369.	Same as FDIC.
Seamen	28 U.S.C. § 1916	Seamen prepay no fees or costs for filing suits for wages, salvage, or enforcement of health or safety laws.