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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 519**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Richter**

February 24, 1997

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An act to add Section 706.034 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to wage garnishment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 519, as amended, Richter. Wage garnishment: ~~reimbursement of costs~~ *authorization of deductions*.

The existing Wage Garnishment Law provides for the withholding of the earnings of an employee, as defined, for the payment of a debt, subsequent to an earnings withholding order. Under existing law, the employer, as defined, shall pay the amount required to be withheld from the employee's earnings, as defined, pursuant to the order to the levying officer on a monthly basis, according to specified procedures.

~~This bill would authorize an employer complying with an earnings withholding order to withhold from the employee's earnings the amount of any accounting costs incurred by the employer as a result of that compliance. The bill would also authorize the employer to deduct from the earnings of the employee the sum of \$1 for each payment made pursuant to the~~ *in accordance with an earnings withholding order.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 706.034 is added to the Code of  
 2 Civil Procedure, to read:  
 3 706.034. ~~An employer may withhold from an~~  
 4 ~~employee's earnings the amount of any accounting costs~~  
 5 ~~incurred by the employer as a result of complying with an~~  
 6 ~~earnings withholding order for the employee. The~~  
 7 employer may deduct from the earnings of the employee  
 8 the sum of one dollar (\$1) for each payment made  
 9 ~~pursuant to the~~ *in accordance with an* earnings  
 10 withholding order *issued pursuant to this chapter.*

