

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**  
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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), the Clerk of the Court hereby gives notice of and an opportunity for comment regarding the Court's proposal to amend the Eastern District of Tennessee Local Rule 54.1 (Taxation on Costs). Additions are underlined and deletions are struck through.

If counsel for the litigants in a civil case are able to agree on costs, they need not file a bill of costs with the Clerk. If counsel cannot agree, a bill of costs shall be filed by the prevailing party with the Clerk within ~~30~~21 days from entry of judgment. A copy of the bill of costs shall be served upon opposing counsel. The opposing counsel shall file written objections within ~~30~~21 days from the date of service. The bill of costs, and any objection, must be prepared and filed in accordance with the Court's Guidelines on Preparing Bills of Costs. The prevailing party may file a reply to any objections within 14 days from the date of service. The Clerk shall then assess the costs in accordance with the Court's Guidelines on Preparing Bills of Costs.

*Commentary (Guidelines on Preparing Bills of Costs)*

Comments should be directed in writing to John L. Medearis, Clerk of Court, by May 25, 2018, at the above address.

*Comments:*

*This revision adds language clarifying that (1) a prevailing party must prepare a bill of costs in compliance with the Court's Guidelines on Preparing Bills of Costs, and that (2) the prevailing party may file a reply to any objection within 14 days from the date of service of that objection. Additionally, the revision changes the time that a prevailing party may file a bill of costs after entry of the judgment in a case, and the time that opposing counsel can file written objections to the bill of costs, from 30 days to 21 days.*