

AN ACT

relating to access to the financial responsibility verification program by justice and municipal courts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 601, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 601.455 to read as follows:

Sec. 601.455. ACCESS BY COURT. (a) A justice or municipal court may access the verification program established under this subchapter to verify financial responsibility for the purpose of court proceedings.

(b) The costs associated with accessing the verification program under this section shall be paid out of the county treasury by order of the commissioners court or the municipal treasury by order of the governing body of the municipality, as applicable.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1693 was passed by the House on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1693 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor