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H.B. No. 3983

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a municipality collecting a delinquent fine or fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 4, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 109 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 109. BAR ON COLLECTION

Sec. 109.001. BAR ON COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT FINE OR FEE.

(a) A municipality may not collect a fine or fee from a person that has been delinquent for more than five years unless the municipality has made a reasonable attempts to provided notice to the person under Subsection (b).

(b) A municipality must provide notice under Subsection (a) by certified mail to the person's last known address. If the municipality does not have a record of the person's address, the municipality must provide notice by any other means available to the municipality.

SECTION 2. Section 109.001, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a fine or fee assessed by a municipality on or after the effective date of this Act. A fine or fee assessed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the fine or fee was assessed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.