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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the fees assessed by a district clerk for copies of
3 certain court documents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [51.318](#), Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
7 follows:

8 (e) The district clerk may not charge [~~United States~~
9 ~~Immigration and Customs Enforcement or United States Citizenship~~
10 ~~and Immigration Services~~] a fee for a copy of any document on file
11 or of record in the clerk's office relating to an individual's
12 criminal history, regardless of whether the document is certified,
13 to:

14 (1) United States Immigration and Customs
15 Enforcement;

16 (2) United States Citizenship and Immigration
17 Services; or

18 (3) a criminal justice agency that requests the
19 document for a criminal justice purpose, including a request to
20 determine an individual's eligibility to purchase a firearm.

21 (f) In this section, "criminal justice agency" and
22 "criminal justice purpose" have the meanings assigned by Section
23 [411.082](#).

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

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1 to a fee for a copy of a court document requested on or after the
2 effective date of this Act. A fee for a copy of a court document
3 requested before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
4 law in effect when the copy was requested, and the former law is
5 continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.