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H.B. No. 2045

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from court reporter transcript fees for a county that provides and maintains court reporting equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 52, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 52.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 52.060. TRANSCRIPT FEE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES.

(a) This section applies only to a county that provides and maintains court reporting equipment for a court in the county in accordance with the county's established plan for the periodic replacement of obsolete equipment.

(b) A county official or employee while transacting county business is exempt from the payment of any fee authorized under this chapter for issuance of a transcript of a case heard in a court for which the county provides and maintains court reporting equipment in accordance with the plan described by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Section 52.060, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a fee for a transcript requested in accordance with that section on or after the effective date of this Act.

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