

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 380
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 11, 2023; February 15, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 13, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 13, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-11	X			
1-12			X	
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 380 By: Zaffirini

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to payment of certain court costs associated with
 1-24 interpreters.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 57.002, Government Code,
 1-27 is amended to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 57.002. APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETER OR CART PROVIDER;
 1-29 CART PROVIDER LIST; PAYMENT OF INTERPRETER COSTS.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 57.002, Government Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-32 (g) A party to a proceeding in a court who files a statement
 1-33 of inability to afford payment of court costs under Rule 145, Texas
 1-34 Rules of Civil Procedure, is not required to provide an interpreter
 1-35 at the party's expense or pay the costs associated with the services
 1-36 of an interpreter appointed under this section that are incurred
 1-37 during the course of the action, unless the statement has been
 1-38 contested and the court has ordered the party to pay costs pursuant
 1-39 to Rule 145. Nothing in this subsection is intended to apply to
 1-40 interpreter services or other auxiliary aids for individuals who
 1-41 are deaf, hard of hearing, or have communication disabilities,
 1-42 which shall be provided to those individuals free of charge
 1-43 pursuant to federal and state laws.

1-44 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
 1-45 action pending on the effective date of this Act or filed on or
 1-46 after the effective date of this Act.

1-47 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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