

By: Jones of Dallas

H.B. No. 544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the assessment of certain court costs in justice  
3 courts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 102.009, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 102.009. COURT COSTS FOR MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS IN  
8 JUSTICE COURTS [~~CERTAIN COUNTIES~~]. In each county [~~counties with a~~  
9 ~~population of 3.3 million or more~~], the commissioners court shall  
10 [~~may~~] set court costs in the amount of \$7 for each conviction for  
11 persons convicted of a Class C misdemeanor in the justice courts.  
12 [~~Court costs set as provided by this article may not exceed \$7 for~~  
13 ~~each conviction.~~]

14 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

15 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an  
16 offense committed on or after September 1, 2003. An offense  
17 committed before September 1, 2003, is covered by the law in effect  
18 when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in  
19 effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this subsection, an  
20 offense was committed before September 1, 2003, if any element of  
21 the offense occurred before that date.