

AN ACT

relating to a program to monitor the collection and remittance of certain court costs and fees.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall develop and submit a proposal for a monitoring program under which the comptroller will periodically monitor the collection, remittance, and reporting of court costs and fees required to be collected from a party to a civil case or a defendant in a criminal case and remitted to the comptroller by the clerks of the district, county, statutory county, municipal, and justice courts. The monitoring program must be designed to assess whether:

(1) the comptroller is receiving complete information on the sources of the costs and fees collected;

(2) each court clerk is reporting the costs and fees collected as required by law; and

(3) the comptroller is crediting the costs and fees remitted to the appropriate fund or account.

(b) The comptroller of public accounts shall submit a cost estimate for implementing and operating the monitoring program proposed under Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The comptroller of public accounts shall submit the proposal and cost estimate required by this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives not later than September 1, 2004.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 791 passed the Senate on
May 14, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 791 passed the House on
May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor