

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 791  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2003; March 5, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Government Organization;  
1-4 May 8, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 8, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a program to monitor the collection and remittance of  
1-9 certain court costs and fees.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall  
1-12 develop and submit a proposal for a monitoring program under which  
1-13 the comptroller will periodically monitor the collection,  
1-14 remittance, and reporting of court costs and fees required to be  
1-15 collected from a party to a civil case or a defendant in a criminal  
1-16 case and remitted to the comptroller by the clerks of the district,  
1-17 county, statutory county, municipal, and justice courts. The  
1-18 monitoring program must be designed to assess whether:

1-19 (1) the comptroller is receiving complete information  
1-20 on the sources of the costs and fees collected;

1-21 (2) each court clerk is reporting the costs and fees  
1-22 collected as required by law; and

1-23 (3) the comptroller is crediting the costs and fees  
1-24 remitted to the appropriate fund or account.

1-25 (b) The comptroller of public accounts shall submit a cost  
1-26 estimate for implementing and operating the monitoring program  
1-27 proposed under Subsection (a) of this section.

1-28 (c) The comptroller of public accounts shall submit the  
1-29 proposal and cost estimate required by this section to the  
1-30 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
1-31 representatives not later than September 1, 2004.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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