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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compensation of state judges.

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

SECTION 1. Section 659.012, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(1) a judge of a district court is entitled to an

9 annual salary from the state of at least \$125,000 [justice of the

10 supreme court is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is

11 at least \$102,463];

Notwithstanding Section 659.011:

- (2) a justice of a court of appeals other than the chief justice is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is equal to 110 percent of the salary of a district judge [five percent less than the salary provided by the General Appropriations Act for a justice of the supreme court, except that the combined salary of a justice of the court of appeals other than the chief justice from all state and county sources may not exceed the amount that is \$1,000 less than the salary provided for a justice of the supreme court];
- 21 (3) <u>a justice of the supreme court other than the chief</u>
 22 <u>justice or a judge of the court of criminal appeals other than the</u>
 23 <u>presiding judge is entitled to an annual salary from the state that</u>
 24 <u>is equal to 120 percent of the salary of a district judge; and</u>

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(4) the chief justice or presiding judge of an appellate [a] court [of appeals] is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is \$2,500 more than the salary provided for the other justices or judges of the court [of appeals, except that the combined salary of the chief justice of a court of appeals may not exceed the amount that is \$500 less than the salary provided for a justice of the supreme court; and

- [(4) a judge of a district court is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is 10 percent less than the salary provided in the General Appropriations Act for a justice of the supreme court, except that unless otherwise provided by law, the combined salary of a district judge from state and county sources may not exceed the amount that is \$2,000 less than the salary provided for a justice of the supreme court].
- 15 (a-1) Subsection (a)(1) applies beginning September 1,
 16 2006. For the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2005, a judge of a
 17 district court is entitled to an annual salary from the state of at
 18 least \$113,350. This subsection expires September 1, 2006.
- 19 SECTION 2. Section 659.0125, Government Code, is amended to 20 read as follows:
- Sec. 659.0125. SALARY FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE. In a county with more than six district courts, a district judge who serves as a local administrative district judge under Section 74.091 is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is \$5,000 more than the salary from the state to which the judge is otherwise entitled under Section 659.012 [659.012(c)].
- 27 SECTION 3. Section 152.0003, Human Resources Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 152.0003. COMPENSATION. The compensation authorized
- 3 under this chapter for a judge serving on a juvenile board is in
- 4 addition to all other compensation provided or allowed by law for a
- 5 judge. Notwithstanding any other law, the combined salary of a
- 6 district judge serving on a juvenile board may not exceed the salary
- 7 provided for the chief justice of the supreme court or the presiding
- 8 judge of the court of criminal appeals by Section 659.012,
- 9 Government Code.
- 10 SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is
- amended by adding Section 72.030 to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 72.030. COLLECTION OF DATA RELATING TO JUDICIAL
- 13 TURNOVER. (a) The office biennially shall collect data relating
- 14 to:
- 15 (1) the rate at which state judges resign from office
- or do not seek reelection; and
- 17 (2) the reason for action under Subdivision (1).
- 18 (b) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
- 19 the office shall file a report containing the data collected under
- 20 Subsection (a) for the preceding state fiscal biennium with the
- 21 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
- 22 and the presiding officers of the standing committees of each house
- 23 of the legislature with jurisdiction over the judiciary or
- 24 appropriations.
- 25 SECTION 5. Subchapter H, Chapter 81, Government Code, is
- amended by adding Section 81.116 to read as follows:
- Sec. 81.116. COLLECTION OF DATA RELATING TO ATTORNEY

- 1 COMPENSATION. (a) The state bar shall biennially collect data
- 2 relating to the compensation of lawyers engaged in the private
- 3 practice of law.
- 4 (b) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
- 5 the state bar shall file a report containing the data collected
- 6 under Subsection (a) for the preceding state fiscal biennium with
- 7 the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
- 8 representatives, and the presiding officers of the standing
- 9 committees of each house of the legislature with jurisdiction over
- 10 the judiciary or appropriations.
- 11 SECTION 6. Section 133.003, Local Government Code, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 133.003. CRIMINAL FEES. This chapter applies to the
- 14 following criminal fees:
- 15 (1) the consolidated fee imposed under Section
- 16 133.102;
- 17 (2) the time payment fee imposed under Section
- 18 133.103;
- 19 (3) fees for services of peace officers employed by
- 20 the state imposed under Article 102.011, Code of Criminal
- 21 Procedure, and forwarded to the comptroller as provided by Section
- 22 133.104;
- 23 (4) costs on conviction imposed in certain statutory
- county courts under Section 51.702, Government Code, and deposited
- 25 in the judicial fund;
- 26 (5) costs on conviction imposed in certain county
- courts under Section 51.703, Government Code, and deposited in the

- 1 judicial fund;
- 2 (6) the administrative fee for failure to appear or
- 3 failure to pay or satisfy a judgment imposed under Section 706.006,
- 4 Transportation Code; [and]
- 5 (7) fines on conviction imposed under Section
- 6 621.506(g), Transportation Code; and
- 7 (8) the cost on conviction imposed under Section
- 8 133.105.
- 9 SECTION 7. Section 133.004, Local Government Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 133.004. CIVIL FEES. This chapter applies to the
- 12 following civil fees:
- 13 (1) the consolidated fee on filing in district court
- imposed under Section 133.151;
- 15 (2) the filing fee in district court for basic civil
- legal services for indigents imposed under Section 133.152;
- 17 (3) the filing fee in courts other than district court
- 18 for basic civil legal services for indigents imposed under Section
- 19 133.153;
- 20 (4) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
- 21 certain statutory county courts under Section 51.702, Government
- 22 Code;
- 23 (5) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
- 24 certain county courts under Section 51.703, Government Code;
- 25 (6) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
- 26 certain statutory probate courts under Section 51.704, Government
- 27 Code;

- 1 (7) fees collected under Section 118.015;
- 2 (8) marriage license fees for the family trust fund
- 3 collected under Section 118.018; [and]
- 4 (9) marriage license or declaration of informal
- 5 marriage fees for the child abuse and neglect prevention trust fund
- 6 account collected under Section 118.022; and
- 7 (10) the filing fee imposed in district court and
- 8 statutory county court under Section 133.154.
- 9 SECTION 8. Subchapter C, Chapter 133, Local Government
- 10 Code, is amended by adding Section 133.105 to read as follows:
- Sec. 133.105. FEE FOR JUDICIAL SALARIES. (a) A person
- 12 convicted of any offense, other than an offense relating to a
- 13 pedestrian or the parking of a motor vehicle, shall pay as a court
- 14 cost, in addition to all other costs, a fee of \$2 to fund judicial
- 15 <u>salaries.</u>
- 16 (b) The treasurer shall deposit 10 percent of the fees
- 17 collected under this section in the general fund of the county or
- 18 municipality for administrative purposes.
- 19 (c) The treasurer shall remit the remainder of the fees
- 20 collected under this section to the comptroller in the manner
- 21 provided by Subchapter B.
- SECTION 9. Subchapter D, Chapter 133, Local Government
- 23 Code, is amended by adding Section 133.154 to read as follows:
- Sec. 133.154. ADDITIONAL FILING FEE IN DISTRICT OR
- 25 STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FOR JUDICIAL SALARIES. (a) In addition to
- other fees authorized or required by law, the clerk of a district or
- 27 statutory county court shall collect a fee of \$35 on the filing of

- 1 <u>any civil suit to fund judicial salaries.</u>
- 2 (b) The treasurer shall deposit 10 percent of the fees
- 3 collected under this section in the general fund of the county or
- 4 municipality for administrative purposes.
- 5 (c) The treasurer shall remit the remainder of the fees
- 6 collected under this section to the comptroller in the manner
- 7 provided by Subchapter B.
- 8 SECTION 10. Section 101.061, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 101.061. DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of a
- 11 district court shall collect fees and costs as follows:
- 12 (1) filing fee in action with respect to a fraudulent
- 13 court record or fraudulent lien or claim filed against property
- 14 (Sec. 12.005, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . \$15;
- 15 (2) fee for service of notice of action with respect to
- 16 a fraudulent court record or fraudulent lien or claim filed against
- 17 property (Sec. 12.005, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . not
- 18 to exceed \$20, if notice delivered in person, or the cost of
- 19 postage, if service is by registered or certified mail;
- 20 (3) court cost in certain civil cases to establish and
- 21 maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by
- 22 the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and
- 23 Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;
- 24 (4) appellate judicial system filing fees for:
- 25 (A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District
- 26 (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 27 (B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.

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1 22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
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- 2 (C) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 3 22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 4 (D) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 5 22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5; and
- 6 (E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 7 22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 8 (5) additional filing fees:
- 9 (A) for each suit filed for insurance contingency
- 10 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.302,
- 11 Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 12 (B) for each civil suit filed, for court-related
- 13 purposes for the support of the judiciary and for civil legal
- 14 services to an indigent:
- 15 (i) for family law cases and proceedings as
- defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code (Sec. 133.151, Local
- 17 Government Code) . . . \$45; or
- 18 (ii) for any case other than a case
- 19 described by Subparagraph (i) (Sec. 133.151, Local Government
- 20 Code) . . . \$50;
- (C) to fund the improvement of Dallas County
- 22 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
- court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15; [and]
- 24 (D) on the filing of any civil action or
- 25 proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the
- 26 filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,
- interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund

- 1 civil legal services for the indigent:
- 2 (i) for family law cases and proceedings as
- 3 defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code (Sec. 133.152, Local
- 4 Government Code) . . . \$5; or
- 5 (ii) for any case other than a case
- 6 described by Subparagraph (i) (Sec. 133.152, Local Government
- 7 Code) . . . \$10; and
- 8 (E) for each civil suit filed, to fund judicial
- 9 salaries (Sec. 133.154, Local Government Code) . . . \$35;
- 10 (6) for filing a suit, including an appeal from an
- 11 inferior court:
- 12 (A) for a suit with 10 or fewer plaintiffs (Sec.
- 13 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$50;
- 14 (B) for a suit with at least 11 but not more than
- 15 25 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$75;
- 16 (C) for a suit with at least 26 but not more than
- 17 100 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$100;
- 18 (D) for a suit with at least 101 but not more
- 19 than 500 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$125;
- 20 (E) for a suit with at least 501 but not more than
- 21 1,000 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$150; or
- 22 (F) for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs
- 23 (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$200;
- 24 (7) for filing a cross-action, counterclaim,
- intervention, contempt action, motion for new trial, or third-party
- 26 petition (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$15;
- 27 (8) for issuing a citation or other writ or process not

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- 1 otherwise provided for, including one copy, when requested at the
- 2 time a suit or action is filed (Sec. 51.317, Government
- 3 Code) . . . \$8;
- 4 (9) for records management and preservation (Sec.
- 5 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$10;
- 6 (10) for issuing a subpoena, including one copy (Sec.
- 7 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 8 (11) for issuing a citation, commission for
- 9 deposition, writ of execution, order of sale, writ of execution and
- 10 order of sale, writ of injunction, writ of garnishment, writ of
- 11 attachment, or writ of sequestration not provided for in Section
- 12 51.317, or any other writ or process not otherwise provided for,
- including one copy if required by law (Sec. 51.318, Government
- 14 Code) . . . \$8;
- 15 (12) for searching files or records to locate a cause
- 16 when the docket number is not provided (Sec. 51.318, Government
- 17 Code) . . . \$5;
- 18 (13) for searching files or records to ascertain the
- 19 existence of an instrument or record in the district clerk's office
- 20 (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 21 (14) for abstracting a judgment (Sec. 51.318,
- 22 Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 23 (15) for approving a bond (Sec. 51.318, Government
- 24 Code) . . . \$4;
- 25 (16) for a certified copy of a record, judgment,
- 26 order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the district
- 27 clerk's office, including certificate and seal, for each page or

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- 1 part of a page (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$1;
- 2 (17) for a noncertified copy, for each page or part of
- 3 a page (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$1;
- 4 (18) jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government
- 5 Code) . . . \$30;
- 6 (19) for filing a report of divorce or annulment (Sec.
- 7 194.002, Health and Safety Code) . . . \$1;
- 8 (20) for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522,
- 9 Human Resources Code) . . . \$4;
- 10 (21) additional filing fee for family protection on
- 11 filing a suit for dissolution of a marriage under Chapter 6, Family
- 12 Code, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.961,
- 13 Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$15;
- 14 (22) fee on filing a suit for dissolution of a marriage
- 15 for services of child support department in Harris County, if
- authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.1074, Human
- 17 Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$12;
- 18 (23) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in
- 19 Montague County (Sec. 152.1752, Human Resources Code) . . . \$25;
- 20 (24) court cost on citation for contempt of court for
- 21 failure to comply with child support order in Nueces County, if
- 22 authorized by the commissioners court (Sec. 152.1844, Human
- 23 Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;
- 24 (25) fee on filing a suit for divorce in Orange County
- 25 (Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . not less than \$5;
- 26 (26) court costs on citation for contempt of court in
- Orange County for failure to comply with a child support order or

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- 1 order providing for possession of or access to a child (Sec.
- 2 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . amount determined by
- 3 district clerk;
- 4 (27) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in
- 5 Orange County (Sec. 152.1874, Human Resources Code) . . . not less
- 6 than \$25;
- 7 (28) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in
- 8 Wichita County (Sec. 152.2496, Human Resources Code) . . . \$100;
- 9 (29) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
- 10 security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court
- 11 (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 12 (30) additional filing fee for filing documents not
- 13 subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security
- 14 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.
- 15 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;
- 16 (31) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
- 17 security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county
- 18 commissioners court (Sec. 291.009, Local Government
- 19 Code) . . . not to exceed \$20;
- 20 (32) court cost in civil cases other than suits for
- 21 delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized
- 22 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government
- 23 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35;
- 24 (33) when administering a case for the Rockwall County
- 25 Court at Law (Sec. 25.2012, Government Code) . . . civil fees and
- 26 court costs as if the case had been filed in district court;
- 27 (34) at a hearing held by an associate judge in Dallas

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- 1 County, a court cost to preserve the record, in the absence of a
- 2 court reporter, by other means (Sec. 54.509, Government Code) . . .
- 3 as assessed by the referring court or associate judge; and
- 4 (35) at a hearing held by an associate judge in Duval
- 5 County, a court cost to preserve the record (Sec. 54.1151,
- 6 Government Code, as added by Chapter 1150, Acts of the 78th
- 7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003) . . . as imposed by the
- 8 referring court or associate judge.
- 9 SECTION 11. Section 101.081, Government Code, is amended to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 101.081. STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS. The
- 12 clerk of a statutory county court shall collect fees and costs as
- 13 follows:
- 14 (1) court cost in certain civil cases to establish and
- 15 maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by
- 16 the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and
- 17 Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;
- 18 (2) appellate judicial system filing fees:
- 19 (A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District
- 20 (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 21 (B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 22 22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 23 (C) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 24 22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 25 (D) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 26 22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5; and
- 27 (E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.

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1 22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
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- 2 (3) an official court reporter fee, County Court at
- 3 Law No. 2 of Bexar County (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code) . . . \$3;
- 4 (4) a court reporter fee when testimony is taken in a
- 5 county court at law in McLennan County (Sec. 25.1572, Government
- 6 Code) . . . \$3;
- 7 (5) a stenographer fee, if a record or part of a record
- 8 is made:
- 9 (A) in a county court at law in Hidalgo County
- 10 (Sec. 25.1102, Government Code) . . . \$20; and
- 11 (B) in a county court at law in Nolan County (Sec.
- 12 25.1792, Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 13 (6) jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government
- 14 Code) . . . \$22;
- 15 (7) an additional filing fee:
- 16 (A) for each civil case filed to be used for
- 17 court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary, if
- 18 authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.702,
- 19 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 20 (B) to fund the improvement of Dallas County
- 21 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
- court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15; [and]
- (C) for filing any civil action or proceeding
- 24 requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of
- 25 any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or
- 26 third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund civil legal
- 27 services for the indigent (Sec. 133.153, Local Government Code)

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1 . . . $5; <u>and</u>
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- 2 (D) for each civil suit filed, to fund judicial
- 3 salaries (Sec. 133.154, Local Government Code) . . . \$35;
- 4 (8) for filing an application for registration of
- 5 death (Sec. 193.007, Health and Safety Code) . . . \$1;
- 6 (9) fee for judge's services on an application for
- 7 court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
- 8 Safety Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;
- 9 (10) fee for prosecutor's services on an application
- 10 for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
- 11 Safety Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;
- 12 (11) for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522,
- 13 Human Resources Code) . . . \$4;
- 14 (12) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund
- for liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners
- 16 court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 17 (13) civil court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local
- 18 Government Code):
- 19 (A) filing of original action (Secs. 118.052 and
- 20 118.053, Local Government Code):
- (i) garnishment after judgment (Sec.
- 22 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$15; and
- 23 (ii) all others (Sec. 118.052, Local
- 24 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 25 (B) filing of action other than original (Secs.
- 26 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . \$30; and
- 27 (C) services rendered after judgment in original

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- action (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0545, Local Government Code):
- 2 (i) abstract of judgment (Sec. 118.052,
- 3 Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and
- 4 (ii) execution, order of sale, writ, or
- 5 other process (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 6 (14) probate court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local
- 7 Government Code):
- 8 (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and
- 9 118.055, Local Government Code):
- 10 (i) probate of a will with independent
- 11 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
- 12 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of
- 13 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 14 (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,
- 15 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 16 (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
- 17 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 18 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.
- 19 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 20 (v) mental health or chemical dependency
- 21 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and
- 22 (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052
- 23 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 24 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.
- 25 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
- 26 (i) filing an inventory and appraisement
- 27 after the 120th day after the date of the initial filing of the

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    action (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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                           (ii) approving and recording bond
     118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $3;
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                           (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,
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    Local Government Code) . . . $2;
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                          (iv) filing annual or final account of
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     estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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                           (v) filing application for sale of real or
    personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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                        person (Sec.
                                         118.052, Local
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    Code) . . . $10;
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                          adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
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                     (C)
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     118.057, Local Government Code) . . . $40; and
                     (D)
                         claim against estate (Secs. 118.052
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     118.058, Local Government Code) . . . $2;
                (15) other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):
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                          issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
    Local Government Code):
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                           (i)
                               original document and one copy (Sec.
     118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $4; and
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                           (ii) each additional set of an original and
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    one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $4;
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                     (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
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    Local Government Code):
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- 1 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and
- 2 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.
- 3 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;
- 4 (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of
- 5 a page (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government
- 6 Code) . . . \$1;
- 7 (D) letters testamentary, letter of
- 8 guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment
- 9 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
- 10 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and
- 11 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 12 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and
- 13 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and
- 14 (G) records management and preservation fee
- 15 (Secs. 118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645, Local Government Code)
- 16 . . . \$5;
- 17 (16) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
- 18 security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court
- 19 (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 20 (17) additional filing fee for filing documents not
- 21 subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security
- 22 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.
- 23 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;
- 24 (18) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
- 25 security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county
- 26 commissioners court (Sec. 291.009, Local Government
- 27 Code) . . . not to exceed \$20;

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- 1 (19) court cost in civil cases other than suits for
- 2 delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized
- 3 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government
- 4 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35;
- 5 (20) fee for deposit of a will with the county clerk
- 6 during testator's lifetime (Sec. 71, Texas Probate Code) . . . \$3;
- 7 (21) court cost for each special commissioner in an
- 8 eminent domain proceeding (Sec. 21.047, Property Code) as taxed by
- 9 the court, . . . \$10 or more; and
- 10 (22) fee for county attorney in a suit regarding a
- 11 railroad company's failure to keep roadbed and right-of-way in
- 12 proper condition (Art. 6327, Vernon's Texas Civil
- 13 Statutes) . . . \$10.
- 14 SECTION 12. Section 101.101, Government Code, is amended to
- 15 read as follows:
- 16 Sec. 101.101. STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES AND COSTS. The
- 17 clerk of a statutory probate court shall collect fees and costs as
- 18 follows:
- 19 (1) court cost in certain civil cases to establish and
- 20 maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by
- 21 the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and
- 22 Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;
- 23 (2) appellate judicial system filing fees:
- 24 (A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District
- 25 (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 26 (B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 27 22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

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- 1 (C) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 2 22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 3 (D) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 4 22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5; and
- 5 (E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
- 6 22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
- 7 (3) additional filing fees as follows:
- 8 (A) for certain cases to be used for
- 9 court-related purposes for support of the judiciary, if authorized
- 10 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.704, Government
- 11 Code) . . . \$40;
- 12 (B) to fund the improvement of Dallas County
- 13 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
- 14 court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15; [and]
- 15 (C) for filing any civil action or proceeding
- 16 requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of
- 17 any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or
- 18 third-party action requiring a filing fee to fund civil legal
- 19 services for the indigent (Sec. 133.153, Local Government
- 20 Code) . . . \$5; <u>and</u>
- 21 (D) for each civil suit filed, to fund judicial
- 22 <u>salaries (Sec. 133.154, Local Government Code)</u> . . . \$35;
- 23 (4) for filing an application for registration of
- 24 death (Sec. 193.007, Health and Safety Code) . . . \$1;
- 25 (5) fee for judge's services on an application for
- 26 court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
- 27 Safety Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;

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- 1 (6) fee for prosecutor's services on an application
- 2 for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
- 3 Safety Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;
- 4 (7) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for
- 5 liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners
- 6 court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 7 (8) probate court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local
- 8 Government Code):
- 9 (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and
- 10 118.055, Local Government Code):
- 11 (i) probate of a will with independent
- 12 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
- 13 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of
- 14 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 15 (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,
- 16 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 17 (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
- 18 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 19 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.
- 20 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- (v) mental health or chemical dependency
- 22 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and
- 23 (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052
- 24 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 25 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.
- 26 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
- 27 (i) filing an inventory and appraisement

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- 1 after the 120th day after the date of the initial filing of the
- 2 action (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 3 (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.
- 4 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;
- 5 (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,
- 6 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
- 7 (iv) filing annual or final account of
- 8 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 9 (v) filing application for sale of real or
- 10 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 11 and
- 12 (vi) filing annual or final report of
- 13 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government
- 14 Code) . . . \$10;
- 15 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
- 16 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and
- 17 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and
- 18 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
- 19 (9) other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):
- 20 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
- 21 Local Government Code):
- (i) original document and one copy (Sec.
- 23 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and
- 24 (ii) each additional set of an original and
- one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4;
- 26 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
- 27 Local Government Code):

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- 1 (i) for the clerk's certificate (Sec.
- 2 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and
- 3 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.
- 4 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;
- 5 (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of
- 6 a page (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government
- 7 Code) . . . \$1;
- 8 (D) letters testamentary, letter of
- 9 guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment
- 10 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
- 11 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and
- 12 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 13 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and
- 14 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and
- 15 (G) records management and preservation fee
- 16 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0645, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 17 (10) fee for deposit of a will with the county clerk
- during testator's lifetime (Sec. 71, Texas Probate Code) . . . \$3;
- 19 (11) court costs for each special commissioner in an
- 20 eminent domain proceeding (Sec. 21.047, Property Code) . . . as
- 21 taxed by the court, \$10 or more;
- 22 (12) jury fee for civil case (Sec. 51.604, Government
- 23 Code) . . . \$22; and
- 24 (13) court cost in civil cases other than suits for
- delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized
- 26 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government
- 27 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35.

- 1 SECTION 13. Section 102.021, Government Code, is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 102.021. COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION. A person
- 4 convicted of an offense shall pay, in addition to all other costs:
- 5 (1) court costs on conviction of a felony (Sec.
- 6 133.102, Local Government Code) . . . \$133;
- 7 (2) court costs on conviction of a Class A or Class B
- 8 misdemeanor (Sec. 133.102, Local Government Code) . . . \$83;
- 9 (3) court costs on conviction of a nonjailable
- 10 misdemeanor offense, including a criminal violation of a municipal
- 11 ordinance, other than a conviction of an offense relating to a
- 12 pedestrian or the parking of a motor vehicle (Sec. 133.102, Local
- 13 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 14 (4) court costs on certain convictions in statutory
- 15 county courts (Sec. 51.702, Government Code) . . . \$15;
- 16 (5) court costs on certain convictions in certain
- 17 county courts (Sec. 51.703, Government Code) . . . \$15;
- 18 (6) a time payment fee if convicted of a felony or
- 19 misdemeanor for paying any part of a fine, court costs, or
- 20 restitution on or after the 31st day after the date on which a
- 21 judgment is entered assessing the fine, court costs, or restitution
- 22 (Sec. 133.103, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 23 (7) a fee for services of prosecutor (Art. 102.008,
- 24 Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;
- 25 (8) fees for services of peace officer:
- 26 (A) issuing a written notice to appear in court
- 27 for certain violations (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure)

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1 . . . $5;
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- 2 (B) executing or processing an issued arrest
- 3 warrant or capias (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal
- 4 Procedure) . . . \$50;
- 5 (C) summoning a witness (Art. 102.011, Code of
- 6 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;
- 7 (D) serving a writ not otherwise listed (Art.
- 8 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$35;
- 9 (E) taking and approving a bond and, if
- 10 necessary, returning the bond to courthouse (Art. 102.011, Code of
- 11 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$10;
- 12 (F) commitment or release (Art. 102.011, Code of
- 13 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;
- 14 (G) summoning a jury (Art. 102.011, Code of
- 15 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;
- 16 (H) attendance of a prisoner in habeas corpus
- 17 case if prisoner has been remanded to custody or held to bail (Art.
- 18 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$8 each day;
- 19 (I) mileage for certain services performed (Art.
- 20 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.29 per mile; and
- 21 (J) services of a sheriff or constable who serves
- 22 process and attends examining trial in certain cases (Art. 102.011,
- 23 Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 24 (9) services of a peace officer in conveying a witness
- 25 outside the county (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal
- 26 Procedure) . . . \$10 per day or part of a day, plus actual
- 27 necessary travel expenses;

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- 1 (10) overtime of peace officer for time spent
- 2 testifying in the trial or traveling to or from testifying in the
- 3 trial (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . actual
- 4 cost;
- 5 (11) court costs on an offense relating to rules of the
- 6 road, when offense occurs within a school crossing zone (Art.
- 7 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;
- 8 (12) court costs on an offense of passing a school bus
- 9 (Art. 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;
- 10 (13) court costs on an offense of truancy or
- 11 contributing to truancy (Art. 102.014, Code of Criminal
- 12 Procedure) . . . \$20;
- 13 (14) cost for visual recording of intoxication arrest
- 14 before conviction (Art. 102.018, Code of Criminal
- 15 Procedure) . . . \$15;
- 16 (15) cost of certain evaluations (Art. 102.018, Code
- of Criminal Procedure) . . . actual cost;
- 18 (16) additional costs attendant to certain
- 19 intoxication convictions under Chapter 49, Penal Code, for
- 20 emergency medical services, trauma facilities, and trauma care
- 21 systems (Art. 102.0185, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$100;
- 22 (17) cost for DNA testing for certain felonies (Art.
- 23 102.020, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$250;
- 24 (18) court cost on an offense of public lewdness or
- 25 indecent exposure (Art. 102.020, Code of Criminal
- 26 Procedure) . . . \$50;
- 27 (19) court cost on conviction of a misdemeanor under

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- 1 Subtitle C, Title 7, Transportation Code (Sec. 542.403,
- 2 Transportation Code) . . . \$3;
- 3 (20) cost for impoundment of vehicle (Sec. 601.263,
- 4 Transportation Code) . . . \$15 per day; [and]
- 5 (21) a civil and criminal enforcement cost on
- 6 conviction of an offense of, or related to, the nonpayment of a toll
- 7 in certain counties (Sec. 284.2031, Transportation Code) . . . \$1;
- 8 and
- 9 (22) court cost on conviction of any offense, other
- 10 than a conviction of an offense relating to a pedestrian or the
- 11 parking of a motor vehicle (Sec. 133.105, Local Government
- 12 Code) . . . \$2.
- 13 SECTION 14. Sections 22.214(e), 659.012(b) and (d), Chapter
- 14 31, and Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Government Code, are repealed.
- 15 SECTION 15. Notwithstanding the repeal of Chapter 31, and
- 16 Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Government Code, by this Act, a county may
- 17 continue to supplement the salary under the General Appropriations
- 18 Act of a judge serving on September 1, 2005, but the combined amount
- 19 of a judge's salary under the General Appropriations Act and any
- 20 county supplement may not exceed the combined amount of the judge's
- 21 salary from state and county funds for the fiscal year beginning
- 22 September 1, 2004.
- SECTION 16. (a) Not later than December 1, 2005, the Office
- 24 of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall begin
- collecting the data required by Section 72.030, Government Code, as
- 26 added by this Act.
- (b) Not later than December 1, 2005, the State Bar of Texas

- 1 shall begin collecting the data required by Section 81.116,
- 2 Government Code, as added by this Act.
- 3 SECTION 17. (a) The change in law made by Section 133.154,
- 4 Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a suit
- 5 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit filed
- 6 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
- 7 effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is
- 8 continued in effect for that purpose.
- 9 (b) Section 133.105, Local Government Code, as added by
- 10 this Act, applies only to a defendant convicted of a criminal
- 11 offense that is committed on or after the effective date of this
- 12 Act. A defendant convicted of a criminal offense that is committed
- 13 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
- 14 effect at the time the offense was committed, and that law is
- 15 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
- an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any
- 17 element of the offense occurs before that date.
- SECTION 18. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.