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        March 29, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
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        Nays 0; March 29, 2005, sent to printer.)
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                                     A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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                                              AN ACT
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         relating to the index of court fees and costs.
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                BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
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                SECTION 1.
                               Section 101.061, Government Code, is amended to
         read as follows:
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                Sec. 101.061.
                                  DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of a
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         district court shall collect fees and costs as follows:
        (1) filing fee in action with respect to a fraudulent court record or fraudulent lien or claim filed against property (Sec. 12.005, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . $15;
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                       (2) fee for service of notice of action with respect to
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         a fraudulent court record or fraudulent lien or claim filed against
        property (Sec. 12.005, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . not
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        to exceed $20, if notice delivered in person, or the cost of postage, if service is by registered or certified mail;
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                       (3) court cost in certain civil cases to establish and
        maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by
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         the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and
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         Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed $10;
                             appellate judicial system filing fees for:
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                             (A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District
         (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
(B) Second Court of Appeals District
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                                                                                      (Sec.
        22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;

(C) Fourth Court of Appeals District
22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;

(D) Fifth Court of Appeals District
22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than $5; and
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                              (E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
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         22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
                             additional filing fees:
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                              (A) for each suit filed for insurance contingency
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         fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.302,
        Government Code) . . . not to exceed $5;

(B) for each civil suit filed, for court-related
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        purposes for the support of the judiciary and for civil legal
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         services to an indigent:
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                                    (i)
                                          for family law cases and proceedings as
         defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code (Sec. 133.151, Local
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        Government Code) . . . $45; or (ii) for
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                                                   any case other than a
                                                                                      case
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         described by Subparagraph (i) (Sec. 133.151, Local Government
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         Code) . . . $50;
         (C) to fund the improvement of Dallas County civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
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        court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than $15; and

(D) on the filing of any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the
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         filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund
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         civil legal services for the indigent:
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                                    (i) for family law cases and proceedings as
         defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code (Sec. 133.152, Local
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        Government Code) . . . $5; or
                                    (ii) for
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                                                 any case other than a case
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         described by Subparagraph (i) (Sec. 133.152, Local Government
        Code) . . . $10;

(6) for filing a suit, including an appeal from an
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- (A) for a suit with 10 or fewer plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$50;
- (B) for a suit with at least 11 but not more than
- 25 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$75; (C) for a suit with at least 26 but not more than 100 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$100;
- (D) for a suit with at least 101 but not more than 500 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$125;
- (E) for a suit with at least 501 but not more than
- 1,000 plaintiffs (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$150; or (F) for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs
- (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$200; (7) for filing a cross-action, counterclaim, intervention, contempt action, motion for new trial, or third-party
- petition (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$15;
  (8) for issuing a citation or other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy, when requested at the time a suit or action is filed (Sec. 51.317, Government Code) . . . \$8;
- (9) for records management and preservation (Sec.
  51.317, Government Code) . . . \$10; (9)
- (10) for issuing a subpoena, including one copy (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$8;
- issuing citation, (11) for а commission for deposition, writ of execution, order of sale, writ of execution and order of sale, writ of injunction, writ of garnishment, writ of attachment, or writ of sequestration not provided for in Section 51.317, or any other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy if required by law (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$8;
- (12)for searching files or records to locate a cause when the docket number is not provided (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$5;
- (13)for searching files or records to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the district clerk's office (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$5;
- (14)for abstracting a judgment (Sec. Government Code)
- ...\$8; for approving a bond (Sec. 51.318, Government (15)\$4;
- (16)for a certified copy of a record, judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the district clerk's office, including certificate and seal, for each page or part of a page (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$1;
- (17) for a noncertified copy, for each page or part of
- a page (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$1; (18) jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Gove \$30; Code) . .
- (19)for filing a report of divorce or annulment (Sec. 194.002, Health and Safety Code) . . . \$1;
- for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522, (20)Human Resources Code) . . . \$4;
- additional filing fee for family protection on (21)filing a suit for dissolution of a marriage under Chapter 6, Family Code, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.961, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$15;
- fee on filing a suit for dissolution of a marriage (22)for services of child support department in Harris County, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.1074, Human
- Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$12;

  (22-a) a child support service fee in Nueces County if ordered by the commissioners court and assessed by the court (Sec. 152.1844, Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$5 a month payable annually in advance;
- (22-b) a service fee to be paid by a person ordered by court to pay child or spousal support:
- (A) in Collin County if authorized 2-68 juvenile board (Sec. 152.0492, Human Resources Code) . . . not to 2-69

exceed \$2.50 added to first support payment each month;

(B) in Johnson County if authorized the (Sec. juvenile board 152.1322, Human Resources Code)

added to first support payment each month; and

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(C) in Montague County (Sec. 152.1752, Hur. . . . \$1 if fee is ordered to be paid monthly, Human Resources Code)

cents if fee is ordered to be paid semimonthly or weekly;

(22-c) attorney's fees as an additional cost in

Montague County on a finding of contempt of court for failure to pay child or spousal support if the contempt action is initiated by the 152.1752, Human probation department (Sec. Resources \$1<u>5;</u> Code) .

fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in

Montague County (Sec. 152.1752, Human Resources Code) . . . \$25; (24) court cost on citation for contempt of court f (24) court cost on citation for contempt of court for failure to comply with child support order in Nueces County, if authorized by the commissioners court (Sec. 152.1844, Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;

(25) fee on filing a suit for divorce in Orange County

(Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . not less than \$5; (26) court costs on citation for contempt of court in Orange County for failure to comply with a child support order or order providing for possession of or access to a child (Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . amount determined by district clerk;

(27) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in Orange County (Sec. 152.1874, Human Resources Code) . . . not less than \$25;

fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in (28)

Wichita County (Sec. 152.2496, Human Resources Code) . . . \$100; (29) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court

(Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5; (30) additional filing fee for filing documents not subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security

fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

(31) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county (Sec. 291.009, Local commissioners court Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$20;

(32) court cost in civil cases other than suits for delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government Code) . . not to exceed \$35;

(33) when administering a case for the Rockwall County Court at Law (Sec. 25.2012, Government Code) . . . civil fees and court costs as if the case had been filed in district court;

(34) at a hearing held by an associate judge in Dallas County, a court cost to preserve the record, in the absence of a court reporter, by other means (Sec. 54.509, Government Code) . . . as assessed by the referring court or associate judge;

(35) at a hearing held by an associate judge in Duval County, a court cost to preserve the record (Sec. 54.1151, Government Code, as added by Chapter 1150, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003) . . . as imposed by the referring court or associate judge;

(36) court fees and costs, if ordered by the court, for a suit filed by an inmate in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . the lesser of:

(A) 20 percent of the preceding six months' deposits to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs;

monthly payment for remaining court fees and (37)costs after the initial payment for a suit in which an affidavit or

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unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate 4-1 (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . 4-2 the lesser 4-3 of:

(A) 10 percent of that month's deposit to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs that

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remain unpaid;
(38) the following costs not otherwise charged to the inmate under Section 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, if the inmate has previously filed an action dismissed as malicious or frivolous (Sec. 14.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code):

expenses of service of process;

postage; and (B)

(C) transportation, housing, or medical care incurred in connection with the appearance of the inmate in the court for any proceeding;

(39) fee for performing a service:

(A) related to the matter of the estate of a deceased person (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee allowed the county clerk for those services;

(B) related to the matter of a minor (Sec. Government Code) . . . the same fee allowed the county 51.319, clerk for the service;

of serving process by certified or registered mail (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee a sheriff or constable is authorized to charge for the service under Section 118.131, Local Government Code; and

(D) prescribed or authorized by law but for which no fee is set 51.319, Government Code) . . . a reasonable (Sec. fee;

(40)court costs, which may include expert witness fees in Travis County in an action in which the plaintiff prevails against an insurer for economic damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of unfair discrimination (Sec. 544.054, Insurance Code) . . . court costs and reasonable and necessary expert witness fees;

(41)security deposit on filing, by any person other than the personal representative of an estate, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to the estate, if required by the clerk (Sec. 12, Texas Probate Code) . . . probable cost of the

(42) security deposit on filing, by any person other than the guardian, attorney ad litem, or guardian ad litem, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to a guardianship matter, if required by the clerk (Sec. 622, Texas Probate . probable cost of the guardianship proceeding; and Code) .

(43) fee for filing an additional petition for review of an appraisal review board order relating to certain regulated property running through or operating in more than one county after the first petition for review relating to the same property is filed for a tax year (Sec. 42.221, Tax Code) . . . \$5.

SECTION 2. Section 101.081, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.081. STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of a statutory county court shall collect fees and costs as  $\frac{1}{2}$ follows:

- court cost in certain civil cases to establish and (1)maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;
  - appellate judicial system filing fees: (2)

(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District

(Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

(B) Second Court of Appeals District
22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

(C) Fourth Court of Appeals District
22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

(D) Fifth Court of Appeals District

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        22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than $5; and
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                           (E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
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        22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
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                          an official court reporter fee, County Court at
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        Law No. 2 of Bexar County (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code) . . . $3; (4) a court reporter fee when testimony is taken in a
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        county court at law in McLennan County (Sec. 25.1572, Government
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        Code) . . . $3;
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                           a stenographer fee, if a record or part of a record
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        is made:
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        (A) in a county court at law in Hidalgo County (Sec. 25.1102, Government Code) . . . $20; and
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                           (B) in a county court at law in Nolan County (Sec.
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        25.1792, Government Code) . . . $25;
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                                     fee
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                   . $22;
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                           an additional filing fee:
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                            (A)
                                for each civil case filed to be used for
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        court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary, if
        authorized by the county commissioners court
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                                                                     (Sec. 51.702,
        Government Code) . . . $40;

(B) to fund the improvement of Dallas County
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        civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
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        court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than $15; and
        (C) for filing any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund civil legal
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        services for the indigent (Sec. 133.153, Local Government
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        Code) . . . $5;
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                      (8)
                           for filing an application for registration of
        death (Sec. 193.007, Health and Safety Code) . . . $1; (9) fee for judge's services on an application for
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        court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
                     1... not to exceed $50; (10) fee for prosecutor's services on an application
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        Safety Code) .
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        for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
        Safety Code) . . . not to exceed $50;
(11) for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522,
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        Human Resources Code) . . . $4;
(12) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund
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        for liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners
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        court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed $5;
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                                                        (Sec.
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                            civil court actions
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        Government Code):
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                                 filing of original action (Secs. 118.052 and
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        118.053, Local Government Code):
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                                       garnishment after
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        118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $15; and (ii) all others (Sec
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                                                                   118.052,
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        Government Code) . . . $40;

(B) filing of action other than original (Secs. 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . $30; and
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                            (C) services rendered after judgment in original
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        action (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0545, Local Government Code):
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                                  (i) abstract of judgment (Sec. 118.052,
                                  ... $5; and (ii) execution, order of sale, writ, or
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        Local Government Code)
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        other process (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $5;
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                           probate court actions (Sec.
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                                                                   118.052,
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        Government Code):
                                probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and
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118.055, Local Government Code): (i) probate of a will with independent executor, administration with will attached, administration of an estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

(ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,

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                                         small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
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        Government Code) .
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        118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40;

(v) mental health or chemical dependency services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40; and
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                                  (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052
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        and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . $5;
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                                services in pending probate action (Secs.
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        118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
        (i) filing an inventory and appraisement 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 (Sec.
        118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $3;
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                                  (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,
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                                          $2;
        Local Government Code)
                                  . . $2;
(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
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        personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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        and
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                                  (vi)
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        guardian of
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        Code) . . . $10;
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                            (C)
                                 adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
        118.057, Local Government Code) . . . $40; and
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                            (D)
                                 claim against estate (Secs.
        118.058, Local Government Code) . . . $2;
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                            other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):
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                                 issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
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        Local Government Code):
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                                  (i)
                                      original document and one copy (Sec.
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        118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $4; and
                                        each additional set of an original and
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                                  (ii)
        one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $4;
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                                 certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
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                            (B)
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        Local Government Code):
        (i) for the clerk's 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $5; and
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                                                              certificate
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        (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.
118.052, Local Government Code) . . $1;
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                           (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of
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                    (Secs.
                               118.052 and 118.0605, Local
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        Code) . . . $1;
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                                 letters
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        quardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment
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        (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . $2;
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                           (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052
                                                                                 and
        118.062, Local Government Code) . . . $5;
(F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and
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        118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and
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                           (G) records management and preservation
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        (Secs.
                             118.0546,
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        Code) . . . $5;
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                            additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
        security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed $5;
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        (17) additional filing fee for filing documents not subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security
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        fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . $1;

(18) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county
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                          court
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        commissioners
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        Code) . . not to exceed $20;
                     (19) court cost in civil cases other than suits for
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        delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government
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(20) fee for deposit of a will with the county clerk during testator's lifetime (Sec. 71, Texas Probate Code) . . . \$3;

(21) court cost for each special commissioner in an eminent domain proceeding (Sec. 21.047, Property Code) . . . as taxed by the court, \$10 or more; [and]

(22) fee for county attorney in a suit regarding a

railroad company's failure to keep roadbed and right-of-way in proper condition (Art. 6327, Vernon's Texas Civil

Statutes) . . . \$10;

(23) court fees and costs, if ordered by the court, for a suit filed by an inmate in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec.

14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . the lesser of:

(A) 20 percent of the preceding six months' deposits to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs; (24) monthly payment for remaining court fees and costs after the initial payment for a suit in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . the lesser

(A) 10 percent of that month's deposit to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs that

remain unpaid;
(25) the following costs not otherwise charged to the inmate under Section 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, if the inmate has previously filed an action dismissed as malicious or frivolous (Sec. 14.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code):

(A) expenses of service of process;

(B) postage; and (C) transportation, housing, or medical care incurred in connection with the appearance of the inmate in the court for any proceeding;

(26) the official court reporter's fee taxed as costs in civil actions in a statutory county court:

(A) in Bexar County Courts at Law:

(i) Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code) . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in district court; and

2 (Sec. 25.0172, Government (ii) No.

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Government Code) (B) in Galveston County (Sec. 25.0862, . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in civil cases in the district courts; and

(C) in Parker County (Sec. 25.1862, Government taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in civil cases in the district courts;

(27) a stenographer's fee as costs in each civil, criminal, and probate case in which a record is made by the official court reporter in a statutory county court in Nolan County (Sec. 25.1792, Government Code) . . . \$25;

(28) in Brazoria County, in matters of concurrent jurisdiction with the district court, fees (Sec. 25.0222, Government Code) . . . as prescribed by law for district judges according to the nature of the matter.

according to the nature of the matter;
(29) in Nueces County,

in matters of concurrent jurisdiction with the district court, with certain exceptions, fees (Sec. 25.1802, Government Code) . . . equal to those in district court cases;

(30) security deposit on filing, by any person other the personal representative of an estate, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to the estate, if required by the clerk (Sec. 12, Texas Probate Code) . . . probable cost of the proceeding;

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- (31) security deposit on filing, by any person other than the guardian, attorney ad litem, or guardian ad litem, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to a guardianship matter, if required by the clerk (Sec. 622, Texas Probate Code) . . . probable cost of the guardianship proceeding;
- (32) for a hearing or proceeding under the Texas Mental Health Code (Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code) as costs (Secs. 571.017 and 571.018, Health and Safety Code) . . reasonable compensation to the following persons appointed under the Texas Mental Health Code:
  - (A) attorneys; (B) physicians;

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- (C) language interpreters;
- (D) sign interpreters; and
- (E) masters;
- (33) for a hearing or proceeding under the Texas Mental Health Code (Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code) as costs (Sec. 571.018, Health and Safety Code):
  - (A) attorney's fees;
  - (B) physician examination fees;
- (C) expense of transportation to a mental health facility or to a federal agency not to exceed \$50 if transporting within the same county and not to exceed the reasonable cost of transportation if transporting between counties;
- (D) costs and salary supplements authorized under Section 574.031, Health and Safety Code; and
- (E) prosecutors' fees authorized under Section 574.031, Health and Safety Code;
- (34) expenses of transporting certain patients from the county of treatment to a hearing in the county in which the proceedings originated (Sec. 574.008, Health and Safety Code) . . . actual expenses unless certain arrangements are made to hold the hearing in the county in which the patient is receiving services;
- (35) expenses for expert witness testimony for an indigent patient (Sec. 574.010, Health and Safety Code) . . . if authorized by the court as reimbursement to the attorney ad litem, court-approved expenses;
- court-approved expenses;

  (36) fee for judge's services for holding a hearing on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . as assessed by the judge, not to exceed \$50;
- in a hospital or location other than the county courthouse (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . reasonable and necessary expenses as certified;

  (38) fee for services of a prosecuting attorney,
- (38) fee for services of a prosecuting attorney, including costs incurred for preparation of documents related to a hearing on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . as assessed by the judge, not to exceed \$50; and
- (39) a fee not otherwise listed in this section that is required to be collected under Section 25.0008, Government Code (Sec. 25.0008, Government Code), in a county other than Brazos, Cameron, Ellis, Guadalupe, Harris, Henderson, Liberty, Moore, Nolan, Panola, Parker, Starr, Victoria, and Williamson . . . as prescribed by law relating to county judges' fees.
- SECTION 3. Section 101.101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 101.101. STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of a statutory probate court shall collect fees and costs as follows:
- (1) court cost in certain civil cases to establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;
  - (2) appellate judicial system filing fees:
- (A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

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                            (B)
                                 Second Court
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        22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
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                                 Fourth Court of Appeals
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        22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
        (D) Fifth Court of Appeals Di 22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than $5; and
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                            (E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.
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        22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than $5;
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                            additional filing fees as follows:
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                            (A) for certain cases to be
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        court-related purposes for support of the judiciary, if authorized
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        by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.704, Government
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        Code) . . . $40;
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                            (B)
                                 to fund the improvement of Dallas County
        civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
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        court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than $15; and

(C) for filing any civil action or proceeding
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        requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of
        any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee to fund civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. 133.153, Local Government
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        Code) . . . $5;
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                            for filing an application for registration of
        death (Sec. 193.007, Health and Safety Code) . . . $1; (5) fee for judge's services on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
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        Safety Code) . . . not to exceed $50;

(6) fee for prosecutor's services on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and
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                      . . . not to exceed $50; (7) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for
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        Safety Code)
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        liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners
        court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed $5;
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        Government Code):
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                                  probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and
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        118.055, Local Government Code):
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                                   (i) probate of a will with independent
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        executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
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        estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of
        title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40;
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                                  (ii) community survivors (Sec.
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        Local Government Code)
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                                   (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
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                                   (iv) declarations
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        118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40;
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                                   (v) mental health or chemical dependency
        services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40; and
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        (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052
and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . $5;
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                            (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.
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        118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
        (i) filing an inventory and appraisement after the 120th day after the date of the initial filing of the 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.
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        Local Government Code) . . . $2;

(iv) filing annual or final account of estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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                                   (v) filing application for sale of real or
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        personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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        and
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                                   (vi)
                                          filing annual or final
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        guardian of
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                               person
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        Code) . . . $10;
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                                 adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
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(D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . $2;
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                     other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):
                            issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
                                  original document and one copy (Sec.
                            (ii) each additional set of an original and
one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $4;
                            certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
                                  for the clerk's certificate
(ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $1;
                      (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of
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                                           testamentary,
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                  letter of administration, or abstract of judgment
(Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . .
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(E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . $5;

(F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and
                      (G) records management and preservation
(Secs. 118.052 and 118.0645, Local Government Code) . . . $5;
               (10) fee for deposit of a will with the county clerk
during testator's lifetime (Sec. 71, Texas Probate Code) . . . $3; (11) court costs for each special commissioner in an eminent domain proceeding (Sec. 21.047, Property Code) . . . as
                      jury fee for civil case (Sec. 51.604, Government
                      court cost in civil cases other than suits for
delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized
by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government
Code) . . . not to exceed $35;

(14) the expense of preserving the record as a court cost, if imposed on a party by the referring court or associate
                                                    . actual cost;
               (15) security deposit on filing, by any person other
than the personal representative of an estate, an application,
complaint, or opposition in relation to the estate, if required by the clerk (Sec. 12, Texas Probate Code) . . . probable cost of the
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proceeding; (16)security deposit on filing, by any person other than the guardian, attorney ad litem, or guardian ad litem, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to a guardianship matter, if required by the clerk (Sec. 622, Texas Probate . probable cost of the guardianship proceeding;

(17) for a hearing or proceeding under the Texas Mental Health Code (Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code) as costs (Secs. 571.017 and 571.018, Health and Safety Code) . . . reasonable compensation to the following persons appointed under the Texas Mental Health Code:

(A) attorneys; physicians; (B)

54.612, Government Code) .

language interpreters; sign interpreters; and (C)

(D)

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118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and

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(18) for a hearing or proceeding under the Texas Mental Health Code (Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code) as costs (Sec. 571.018, Health and Safety Code):

attorney's fees; (A)

physician examination fees; (B)

(C) expense of transportation to a mental health facility or to a federal agency not to exceed \$50 if transporting

within the same county and not to exceed the reasonable cost of 11-1 11-2

transportation if transporting between counties;

(D) costs and salary supplements authorized under Section 574.031, Health and Safety Code; and

(E) prosecutors' fees authorized under Section

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574.031, Health and Safety Code;
(19) expenses of transporting certain patients from the county of treatment to a hearing in the county in which the proceedings originated (Sec. 574.008, Health and Safety . . . actual expenses unless certain arrangements are made Code) to hold the hearing in the county in which the patient is receiving services;

(20)expenses for expert witness testimony for an indigent patient (Sec. 574.010, Health and Safety Code) . . . if authorized by the court as reimbursement to the attorney ad litem, court-approved expenses;

(21) fee for judge's services for holding a hearing on application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . as assessed by the not to exceed \$50;

expenses to reimburse judge for holding a hearing in a hospital or location other than the county courthouse (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . reasonable and necessary

expenses as certified;

(23) fee for services of a prosecuting attorney, including costs incurred for preparation of documents related to a hearing on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . as assessed by the

judge, not to exceed \$50; and

(24) a fee not otherwise listed in this section that is required to be collected under Section 25.0029, Government Code (Sec. 25.0029, Government Code) . . . as prescribed by law relating to county judges' fees.

SECTION 4. Section 101.121, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.121. COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of a county court shall collect:

(1) fee for hearing on application for a license to manufacture, distribute, store, or sell beer (Sec. 61.31, Alcoholic Beverage Code) . . . \$5;

(2) court cost in certain civil cases to establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.004, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;

appellate judicial system filing fees:

(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District

(Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.

22.2031, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5; (C) Fourth Court of Appeals 22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5; District (Sec.

(D) Fifth Court of Appeals District 22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5; and (Sec.

(E) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.

22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;
(4) a jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government

Code) . . . \$22; (5) a filing fee in each civil case filed to be used

for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary (Sec.

51.703, Government Code) . . . \$40;
(6) for filing an application for registration of

death (Sec. 193.007, Health and Safety Code) . . . \$1; (7) fee for judge's services on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and

Safety Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;

(8) fee for prosecutor's services on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;

(9) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for

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         liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed $5;
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                              civil court actions
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         118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $15; and
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                                          all others
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         Government Code) . . . $40;

(B) filing of action other than original (Secs. 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . $30; and
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                                   services rendered after judgment in original
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                              (C)
         action (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0545, Local Government Code):
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                                    (i) abstract of judgment (Sec. 118.052,
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         Local Government Code) . . . $5; and

(ii) execution, order of sale, writ, or other process (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $5;
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                       (11) probate court actions
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         118.055, Local Government Code):
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                                        probate of a will with independent
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         executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
         estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40;
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                                    (ii) community survivors
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         Local Government Code)
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                                            small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
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         Government Code)
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                                    (iv)
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         118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40; (v) mental health or chemical dependency
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         services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $40; and
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         (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
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                                   services in pending probate action (Secs.
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                              (B)
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         118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
         (i) filing an inventory and appraisement after the 120th day after the date of the initial filing of the 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.
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         Local Government Code) . . . $2;
(iv) filing annual or final
estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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                                    (v) filing application for sale of real or
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         personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . $25;
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         Code) . . . $10;
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         118.057, Local Government Code) . . . $40; and (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and
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         118.058, Local Government Code) . . . $2;
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                              other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):
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                                   issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
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         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;

(B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
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(C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of 13-2 a page (Secs. 13-3 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government 13-4 Code) . . . \$1;

(D) letters testamentary, letter of guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

(E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

(F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and

(G) records management and preservation fee (Secs. 118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

(13)deposit on filing petition requesting permission to create a municipal civic center authority (Sec. 281.013, Local

Government Code) . . . \$200; (14) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse

security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

(15) additional filing fee for filing documents not subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security

fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

(16) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 291.009, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$20;

(17) court cost in civil cases other than suits for delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government Code) . . not to exceed \$35;

(18) fee for deposit of a will with the county clerk during testator's lifetime (Sec. 71, Texas Probate Code) . . . \$3;

(19) fee for county attorney in a suit regarding a railroad company's failure to keep roadbed and right-of-way in proper condition (Art. 6327, Vernon's Texas Civil

Statutes) . . . \$10;
(20) appeal bond from a petitioner or taxpayer in a water control and preservation district (Art. 7818, Vernon's Texas

Civil Statutes) . . . \$100; [and]
(21) additional filing fee for filing any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. 133.153, Local

Government Code) . . . \$5;

(22) court fees and costs, if ordered by the court, for a suit filed by an inmate in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 133.133, Eddard Government Code) . . . the lesser of:

(A) 20 percent of the preceding six months' deposits to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court tees and costs;
(23) monthly payment for remaining court fees costs after the initial payment for a suit in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code)

10 percent of that month's deposit to the (A) inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs that

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the following costs not otherwise charged to the inmate under Section 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, if the inmate has previously filed an action dismissed as malicious or

frivolous (Sec. 14.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code): 14-1 14-2

(A) expenses of service of process;

(B) postage; and

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(C) transportation, housing, or medical care incurred in connection with the appearance of the inmate in the court for any proceeding;

(25) security deposit on filing, by any person other personal representative of an estate, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to the estate, if required by the clerk (Sec. 12, Texas Probate Code) . . . probable cost of the proceeding;

(26)security deposit on filing, by any person other guardian, attorney ad litem, or guardian ad litem, an application, complaint, or opposition in relation to a guardianship matter, if required by the clerk (Sec. 622, Texas Probate required by the clerk (Sec. 622, Texas probable cost of the guardianship proceeding; Code)

(27) for a hearing or proceeding under the Texas Mental Health Code (Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code) as 571.018, Health and 57<mark>1.017 and</mark> costs (Secs. Safety Code) . reasonable compensation to the following persons appointed under the Texas Mental Health Code:

(A) attorneys;

(B) physicians;

(C) language interpreters; (D) sign interpreters; and

(E) masters;

or proceeding under the Texas for a hearing (28)Mental Health Code (Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code) as costs (Sec. 571.018, Health and Safety Code):

(A) attorney's fees;

(B) physician examination fees;

expense of transportation to a mental health (C) facility or to a federal agency not to exceed \$50 if transporting within the same county and not to exceed the reasonable cost of transporting between counties; transportation if

(D) costs and salary supplements authorized under Section 574.031, Health and Safety Code; and

(E) prosecutors' fees authorized under Section 574.031, Health and Safety Code;

(29) expenses of transporting certain patients from the county of treatment to a hearing in the county in which the proceedings originated (Sec. 574.008, Health and Safety Code) . actual expenses unless certain arrangements are made to hold the hearing in the county in which the patient is receiving services;

expenses for expert witness testimony (30)indigent patient (Sec. 574.010, Health and Safety Code) . . . if authorized by the court as reimbursement to the attorney ad litem, court-approved expenses;

(31) fee for judge's services for holding a hearing on application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . as assessed by the judge, not to exceed \$50;

(32) expenses to reimburse judge for holding a hearing in a hospital or location other than the county courthouse (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . reasonable and necessary expenses as certified; and

(33) fee for services of a prosecuting attorney, including costs incurred for preparation of documents related to a hearing on an application for court-ordered mental health services (Sec. 574.031, Health and Safety Code) . . . as assessed by the judge, not to exceed \$50.

SECTION 5. Section 101.141, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.141. JUSTICE COURT AND SMALL CLAIMS COURT FEES AND COSTS. (a) A clerk of a justice court shall collect fees and costs as follows:

(1)additional court cost in certain civil cases to establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system, if

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authorized by the commissioners court of a county with a population 15 - 1of at least 2.5 million (Sec. 152.005, Civil Practice and Remedies 15-2 15**-**3 Code) . . . not to exceed \$3;

> (2) additional filing fees:

(A) to fund Dallas County civil court facilities

(Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15; and

(B) for filing any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. 133.153, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

(3) for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522, Human Resources Code) . . . \$1.50; [and]

(4) fee for hearing on probable cause for removal of a

vehicle and placement in a storage facility if assessed by the court (Sec. 685.008, Transportation Code) . . . \$10;

(5) court fees and costs, if ordered by the court, for a suit filed by an inmate in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . the lesser of:

(A) 20 percent of the preceding six months'

deposits to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs; monthly payment for remaining court fees and costs (6) after the initial payment for a suit in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) of:

10 percent of that month's deposit to the (A) inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

(B) the total amount of court fees and costs that

remain unpaid;

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(7) the following costs not otherwise charged to the inmate under Section 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, if the inmate has previously filed an action dismissed as malicious or frivolous (Sec. 14.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code):

(A) expenses of service of process;

(B) postage; and

transportation, housing, (C) or medical care incurred in connection with the appearance of the inmate in the

court for any proceeding; and

(8) the cost of a special program that a court may order a child to attend after a finding that the child committed an offense, if ordered by the court (Art. 45.057, Code of Criminal . . . costs of the program not to exceed \$100.
A justice of the peace shall collect the following fees: Procedure)

(1) services rendered before judgment (Secs. 118.121 and 118.122, Local Government Code):

(A) justice court (Sec. 118.121, Local . . . \$15; and Government Code)

(B) small claims court (Sec. 118.121, ... \$10; [and] Local Government Code)

services rendered after judgment (Secs. 118.121 (2) and 118.123, Local Government Code):

(A) transcript (Sec. 118.121, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

(B) abstract of judgment (Sec. 118.121, Local ... \$5; (C) execution, Government Code)

of order sale, writ of restitution, or other writ or process (Sec. 118.121, Local Government Code)

. . . \$5 per page;
(D) certified copy of court papers (Secs. 118.121 and 118.1235, Local Government Code) . . . \$2 for first page; \$0.25 for each additional page; and

(E) issuing other document (no return required)

(Sec. 118.121, Local Government Code) . . . \$1 for first page; 16-1 16-2

\$0.25 for each additional page;

(3) court fees and costs, if ordered by the court, for a suit filed by an inmate in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . the lesser of:

(A) 20 percent of the preceding six months' deposits to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

the total amount of court fees and costs; (B)

- (4)monthly payment for remaining court fees and costs initial payment for a suit in which an affidavit or unsworn declaration of inability to pay costs is filed by the inmate (Sec. 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . the lesser of:
- (A) 10 percent of that month's deposit to the inmate's trust account administered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 501.014, Government Code; or

  (B) the total amount of court fees and costs that

remain unpaid; and

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- (5) the following costs not otherwise charged to the inmate under Section 14.006, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, if the inmate has previously filed an action dismissed as malicious or frivolous (Sec. 14.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code):
  - expenses of service of process; (A)

(B) postage; and

(C) transportation, housing, or medical care incurred in connection with the appearance of the inmate in the

court for any proceeding.
SECTION 6. Section Section 101.161, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.161. MUNICIPAL COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of

- 685.008, assessed by the court (Sec. Transportation Code) . . . \$10; and
- (2) the cost of a special program that a court may order a child to attend after finding that the child committed an offense, if ordered by the court (Art. 45.057, Code of Criminal . costs of the program not to exceed \$100. Procedure)

SECTION 7. Section 101.181, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 101.181. MUNICIPAL COURTS OF RECORD FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of a municipal court of record shall collect the following fees and costs:
- (1)from an appellant, a transcript preparation fee
- (Sec. 30.00014, Government Code) . . . \$25;

  (2) from an appellant in the appellate court docket fee (Sec. City of El Paso, an 30.00147, Government Code) . . . \$25; [and]
- (3) fee for hearing on probable cause for removal of a vehicle and placement in a storage facility if assessed by the court (Sec. 685.008, Transportation Code) . . . \$10; and
- the cost of a special program that a court may order a child to attend after finding that the child committed an offense, if ordered by the court (Art. 45.057, Code of Criminal . costs of the program, not to exceed \$100. 3. Section 102.021, Government Code, is amended to

SECTION 8. read as follows:

Sec. 102.021. COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION. A person convicted of an offense shall pay, in addition to all other costs:

- (1) court costs on conviction of a felony (Sec.
  133.102, Local Government Code) . . \$133;
- (2) court costs on conviction of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor (Sec. 133.102, Local Government Code) . . . \$83;
  - (3) court costs on conviction of a nonjailable

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misdemeanor offense, including a criminal violation of a municipal 17-1 ordinance, other than a conviction of an offense relating to a pedestrian or the parking of a motor vehicle (Sec. 133.102, Local 17-2 17-3 Government Code) . . . \$40; 17 - 4

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(4) court costs on certain convictions in statutory county courts (Sec. 51.702, Government Code) . . . \$15;

(5) court costs on certain convictions in certain county courts (Sec. 51.703, Government Code) . . . \$15;

- (6) a time payment fee if convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for paying any part of a fine, court costs, or restitution on or after the 31st day after the date on which a judgment is entered assessing the fine, court costs, or restitution (Sec. 133.103, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- (7) a fee for services of prosecutor (Art. 102.008, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;

(8)

- fees for services of peace officer:
  (A) issuing a written notice to appear in court certain violations (Art. 102.011, Code of Procedure) . . . \$5;
- (B) executing or processing an issued arrest 102.011, Code warrant capias (Art. of Criminal Procedure) . . \$50;
- (C) summoning a witness (Art. 102.011, Code of
- Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;

  (D) serving a writ not otherwise listed (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$35;
- (E) taking and approving a bond and, necessary, returning the bond to courthouse (Art. 102.011, Code of
- Criminal Procedure) . . . \$10;

  (F) commitment or release (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;

  (G) summoning a jury (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;

  (H) attendance of a prisoner in habeas corpus case if prisoner has been remanded to custody or held to bail (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$8 each day;
- (I) mileage for certain services performed (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.29 per mile; and
- (J) services of a sheriff or constable who serves process and attends examining trial in certain cases (Art. 102.011,
- Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5;

  (9) services of a peace officer in conveying a witness outside the county (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . \$10 per day or part of a day, plus actual necessary travel expenses;
- (10) overtime of peace officer for time testifying in the trial or traveling to or from testifying in the trial (Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . actual cost;
- court costs on an offense relating to rules of the road, when offense occurs within a school crossing zone (Art. 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;
- (12) court costs on an offense of passing a school bus (Art. 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;

  (13) court costs on an offense of truancy or contributing to truancy (Art. 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$20;

  (14) cost for visual recording of intoxication arrest
- conviction (Art. 102.018, before Code of Criminal Procedure)
- . . \$15; (15) cost of certain evaluations (Art. 102.018, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . actual cost;
- (16) additional costs attendant to certain intoxication convictions under Chapter 49, Penal Code, for emergency medical services, trauma facilities, and trauma care systems (Art. 102.0185, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$100;

  (17) cost for DNA testing for certain felonies (Art. 102.020, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- 102.020, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$250;
  - (18) court cost on an offense of public lewdness or

(Art. 102.020, Code 18-1 indecent exposure of Criminal 18-2

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. . . \$50; (19) court cost on conviction of a misdemeanor under Subtitle C, Title 7, Transportation Code (Sec. 542.403, Transportation Code) . . . \$3;

(20) cost for impoundment of vehicle (Sec. 601.263, Transportation Code) . . . \$15 per day; [and]

(21) a civil and criminal enforcement cost on conviction of an offense of, or related to, the nonpayment of a toll in cortain counties (Sec. 284.2021 Transportation Code)

in certain counties (Sec. 284.2031, Transportation Code) . . . \$1; and

(22) if directed by the justice of the peace or municipal court judge hearing the case, court costs on conviction in a criminal action (Art. 45.041, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . part or all of the costs as directed by the judge.

SECTION 9. Section 103.021, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

read as follows:

Sec. 103.021. ADDITIONAL FEES AND COSTS IN CRIMINAL OR CIVIL CASES. An accused or defendant, or a party to a civil suit, as applicable, shall pay the following fees and costs if ordered by the court or otherwise required:

(1) a personal bond fee (Art. 17.42, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . the greater of \$20 or three percent of the amount

(2) cost of electronic monitoring as a condition of release on personal bond (Art. 17.43, Code of Crimi Procedure) . . . actual cost .

. . actual cost;
(3) a fee for verification of and monitoring of motor vehicle ignition interlock (Art. 17.441, Code of Criminal

Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$10;

(4) repayment of reward paid by a crime stoppers organization on conviction of a felony (Art. 37.073, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . amount ordered;

(5) reimbursement to general revenue fund for payments made to victim of an offense as condition of community supervision (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50 for a misdemeanor offense or \$100 for a felony offense;

(6) payment to a crime stoppers organization as condition of community supervision (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure)

. . . not to exceed \$50;
(7) children's advocacy center fee (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50;

(8) family violence shelter center fee (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$100;

(9) community supervision fee (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not less than \$25 or more than \$60 per month;

(10) additional community supervision fee for certain offenses (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5 per month:

(11) for certain financially able sex offenders as a condition of community supervision, the costs of treatment, specialized supervision, or rehabilitation (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . all or part of the reasonable and necessary costs of the treatment, supervision, or rehabilitation as

determined by the judge;

(12) fee for failure to appear for trial in a justice or municipal court if a jury trial is not waived (Art. 45.026, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . costs incurred for impaneling the jury;

(13) costs of certain testing, assessments, programs during a deferral period (Art. 45.051, Code of Criminal

Procedure) . . . amount ordered;

(14) special expense on dismissal of misdemeanor complaints (Art. 45.051, Code of certain complaints . . . not to exceed amount of fine assessed;
(15) an additional fee: Procedure)

(A) as an administrative fee for requesting a driving safety course or a course under the motorcycle operator  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

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training and safety program for certain traffic offenses to cover 19-1 the cost of administering the article (Art. 45.0511(f)(1), Code of 19-2 19-3

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(B) for requesting a driving safety course or a course under the motorcycle operator training and safety program before the final disposition of the case (Art. 45.0511(f)(2), Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed the maximum amount of the fine for the offense committed by the defendant;

court (Art. 45.052, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$10;

(18) a mileage fee for officer performing certain services (Art. 102.001, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.15 per mile;

(19)certified mailing of notice of hearing date (Art.

102.006, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$1, plus postage;
(20) certified mailing of certified copies of an order of expunction (Art. 102.006, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$2, plus postage;

> (21)sight orders:

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(A) if the face amount of the check or sight order does exceed \$10 (Art. 102.007, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$10;

(B) if the face amount of the check or sight order is greater than \$10 but does not exceed \$100 (Art. 102.007, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$15;

(C) if the face amount of the check or sight order

is greater than \$100 but does not exceed \$300 (Art. 102.007, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$30;

(D) if the face amount of the check or sight order

is greater than \$300 but does not exceed \$500 (Art. 102.007, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50; and

(E) if the face amount of the check or sight order

\$500 102.007, than greater (Art. Code of Criminal is . . not to exceed \$75;
(22) a fee for pretrial intervention program (Art. Procedure)

102.012, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$500;

(23) parking fee violations for child safety fund in municipalities with populations:

(A) greater than 850,000 (Art. 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not less than \$2 and not to exceed \$5;

(B) less than 850,000 (Art. 102.014, Code of

Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5;

(24) an administrative fee for collection of fines, fees, restitution, or other costs (Art. 102.072, Code of Criminal . . not to exceed \$2 for each transaction;

a court reporter fee when testimony is taken:

(A) in a criminal court in Dallas County (Sec. 25.0593, Government Code) . . . \$3;

(B) in a county criminal court of appeals in Dallas County (Sec. 25.0594, Government Code) . . . \$3;

(C) in a county court at law in McLennan County (Sec. 25.1572, Government Code) . . . \$3; and

(D) in a county criminal court in Tarrant County (Sec. 25.2223, Government Code) . . . \$3;

a speedy trial filing fee in El Paso County (Sec. (26)

54.745, Government Code) . . . \$100;
(27) costs for use of magistrate in Brazos County

(Sec. 54.1116, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$50;

(28) an administrative fee for participation in certain community supervision programs (Sec. 76.015, Government Code) . . . not less than \$25 and not more than \$40 per month;

in family matters:

(A) issuing writ of withholding (Sec. 8.262, . \$15; Family Code) .

19-68 (B) filing copy of writ of withholding to subsequent employer (Sec. 8.267, Family Code) . . . \$15; 19-69

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                            (C) issuing and delivering modified writ of notice of termination (Sec. 8.302, Family
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        of withholding (Sec. 8.303, Family Code) . . . $15;
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         45.106, Family Code) . . . $10;
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                            (F) protective order fee (Sec. 81.003, Family
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         Code) . . . $16;
         (G) filing suit requesting adoption of child (Sec. 108.006, Family Code) . . . \$15;
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         relationship (Sec. 110.002, Family Code):
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                                 (i) suit or motion for modification (Sec.
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(ii) motion for enforcement (Sec. 110.002,
         110.002, Family Code)
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         Family Code) . . . $15;
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                                  (iii) notice of application for judicial
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         writ of withholding (Sec. 110.002, Family Code) . . . $15;
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                                 (iv) motion to transfer (Sec.
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                                  (v) petition for license suspension (Sec.
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         suspension (Sec. 110.002, Family Code) . . . $15; and
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                                  (vii) motion for contempt (Sec. 110.002,
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                            (I) order or writ of income withholding to be
         delivered to employer (Sec. 110.004, Family Code) . . . not to
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         110.005, Family Code) . . . $45;
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                           (K) filing a writ of withholding (Sec. 158.319,
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                            (M) filing an administrative writ to employer
        (Sec. 158.503, Family Code) . . . not to exceed $15; and

(N) genetic testing fees in relation to a child born to a gestational mother (Sec. 160.762, Family Code) . . . as
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         assessed by the court;
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         services (Sec. 53.03, Family Code) . . . maximum fee of $15 a
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         month;
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                           (B) a teen court administration fee (Sec. 54.032,
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                            (C) court costs for juvenile probation diversion
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         54.0461, Family Code) . . . $5; and

(E) a court fee for child's probationary period (Sec. 54.061, Family Code) . . . not to exceed $15 a month;
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                      (31) a court reporter service fee if the courts have
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         official court reporters (Sec. 51.601, Government Code) . . . $15; (32) administrative fee on dismissal of charge of
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         driving with an expired motor vehicle registration (Sec. 502.407,
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         Transportation Code) . . . not to exceed $10;
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                      (34) administrative fee on remediation of charge of
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         driving with an expired inspection certificate (Sec. 548.605,
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         Transportation Code) . . . not to exceed $10;
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                      (35) administrative fee for failure to appear for a
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         complaint or citation on certain offenses (Sec. 706.006, Transportation Code) . . . $30 for each violation;
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                      (36) administrative fee for failure to pay or satisfy
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certain judgments (Sec. 706.006, Transportation Code) . . . \$30;
(37) fee paid on filing a petition for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information in certain cases (Sec. 411.081, Government Code) . . . \$28; [and]

(38) on a finding that an animal's owner has cruelly treated the animal, court costs including:

(A) investigation (Sec. 821.023, Health and . actual costs; Safety Code)

(B) expert witnesses (Sec. 821.023, Health and . actual costs; Safety Code)

(C) housing and caring for the animal during its impoundment (Sec. 821.023, Health and Safety Code) . . . actual costs;

(D) conducting any public sale ordered by the court (Sec. 821.023, Health and Safety Code) . . . actual costs; and

(E) humanely destroying the animal destruction is ordered by the court (Sec. 821.023, Health and . . . actual costs<u>;</u> Safety Code)

(39)the costs of a criminal magistrate if the court the nonprevailing that party is able determines to defray the costs:

(A) in Bexar County (Sec. 54.913, Government <u>Cod</u>e) magistrate's fees;

in Dallas County (Sec. 54.313, (B) Government magistrate's fees; Code)

(C) in Lubbock County (Sec. 54.883, Government magistrate's fees; Code)

in Tarrant County (Sec. (D) 54.663, Government magistrate's fees; Code)

in <u>Travis</u> (E) 54.983, County (Sec. Government magistrate's fees; and

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54.958, County <u>Government</u> Code) . expense of the magistrate; and (40) a collection fee, if authorized by commissioners court of a county or the governing body of fee, the

municipality, for certain debts and accounts receivable, including unpaid fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, and restitution ordered paid (Art. 103.0031, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . 30 percent of an amount more than 60 days past due.

SECTION 10. Section 103.022, Government Code, is amended to

read as follows:

Sec. 103.022. MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND COSTS. The following fees and costs shall be paid or collected as follows:
(1) fee for use of an interpreter in civil cases (Sec.

21.051, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . \$3;
(2) fee for custodian of a record compelled by a court to produce or certify the record (Sec. 22.004, Civil Practice and

Remedies Code) . . . \$1;

(3) cost for use of certified copy of the record of names of all trustees appointed by any state organization of a religious congregation in this state (Sec. 126.012, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) . . . \$1.50;

(4) filing of a restitution lien (Art. 42.22, Code of

Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5;
(5) issuance and service of a warrant of arrest for certain offenses if prescribed by the municipality (Art. 45.203, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$25;

(6) filing a certified copy of a judicial finding of fact and conclusion of law if charged by the secretary of state (Sec. 51.905, Government Code) . . . \$15;

(7) costs of determining and sending information concerning the identity of the court with continuing, exclusive jurisdiction if charged by the bureau of vital statistics (Sec. 108.006, Family Code) . . . reasonable fee;

(8) initial operations fee paid to domestic relations

office on filing of a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, if authorized by the administering entity (Sec. 203.005, Family Code) . . not to exceed \$15;

22-1 initial child support service fee paid to domestic relations office in certain counties on filing of a suit affecting 22-2 22-3 the parent-child relationship, if authorized by the administering 22-4 entity (Sec. 203.005, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$36;

(10) service fee for services of a domestic relations office, if authorized by the administering entity (Sec. 203.005, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$3 per month;

(11) fee from a Title IV-D agency for each item of

process to each individual on whom service is required, including service by certified or registered mail (Sec. 231.202, Family Code)... the amount that a sheriff or constable may charge for serving process under Section 118.131, Local Government Code;

(12) a copy of records of spousal or child support and fees administered in Dallas County if authorized by the local judge administrative judge (Sec. 15 Code) . . . not to exceed \$2 per page; 152.0634, Human

(13) collecting, disbursing, or monitoring spousal or child support payments in Dallas County (Sec. 152.0635, Human

Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$3 per month;

(14) fee for adoption, family, and home study investigations in an adoption in Dallas County (Sec. 152.0635, Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$250;

(15) certain transactions with respect to a suit for spousal support or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in Harris County, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.1074, Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$2 per transaction;

(16)child support service fee in Smith [Nueces] County[7] if [authorized by the county commissioners] court allows assessment by child support office (Sec. 152.2183 [152.1844], Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$2.50 a [\$5 per] month;

(17) services by the offices of the sheriff and

constables (Sec. 118.131, Local Government Code) . . . amount set

by county commissioners court;

(18) cost paid by each surety posting the bail bond for an offense other than a misdemeanor punishable by fine only under Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, for the felony prosecutor supplement fund and the fair defense account (Sec. 41.258, Government Code) . . . \$15, provided the cost does not exceed \$30 for all bail bonds posted at that time for an individual and the cost is not required on the posting of a personal or cash bond;

(19) appraiser's fee as court costs for determining the fair value of ownership interests of owners who have perfected their rights (Sec. 10.365, Business Organizations Code) . . . a

reasonable fee;

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(19-b) an appraiser's fee as court Texas Civil

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entitled to payment for their shares by the existing, surviving, or new corporation (Art. 5.12, Texas Business Corporation Act) . . . a reasonable fee; [and]

(20) to participate in a court proceeding in this state, a nonresident attorney fee for civil legal services to the indigent (Sec. 82.0361, Government Code) . . . \$250 except as waived or reduced under supreme court rules for representing an indigent parson. indigent person;

<u>(</u>21) a witness's fee for one day to be paid by the party who subpoenas the witness (Sec. 22.001, Civil Practice and Remedies

. \$10;

(22) on a party's appeal of a final decision in a contested case, the cost of preparing the original or a certified copy of the record of the agency proceeding, if required by the agency's rule, as a court cost (Sec. 2001.177, Government Code) Code) . . . as assessed by the court, all or part of preparation;

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in cases between a juvenile board and a school district that fail to agree on a memorandum of understanding related to the juvenile justice alternative education program (Sec. 37.011, Education Code) . . . each party its pro rata share of the costs;
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determined by the judge;

(25) the expense of preserving the record as a court cost in Brazos County if imposed on a party by the referring court

or magistrate (Sec. 54.1111, Government Code) . . . actual cost; (26) a filing fee or recording fee for each page of legal paper presented for filing or recording that fails to meet certain requirements regarding paper size, weight, substance, headings, legibility, the presence of typed or printed names under each signature, and number and size of riders or attachments (Sec. 191.007, Local Government Code) . . . twice the regular filing fee or recording fee provided by statute for that page, rider, or attachment;

fee processing as authorized bу the commissioners court for the payment by credit card of a fee, court cost, or other charge processed by a county or precinct officer (Secs. 132.002 and 132.003, Local Government Code) . . . an amount reasonably related to the expense incurred by the county or precinct officer but not to exceed five percent of the amount of the fee, court cost, or other charge being paid;

(28) a processing fee as authorized by the governing body of the municipality for the payment by credit card of a fee, court cost, or other charge processed by a municipal official (Secs. 132.002 and 132.003, Local Government Code) . . . an amount reasonably related to the expense incurred by the municipal official but not to exceed five percent of the amount of the fee,

court cost, or other charge being paid;

(29) a handling fee, if authorized by the commissioners court under Section 132.002, Local Government Code, for electronically processing the payment of a fee, fine, court cost, or other charge (Secs. 132.002 and 132.003, Local Government Code);

(<u>A</u>) charged at a flat rate that does not exceed \$5 for each payment transaction; or

(B) charged at a rate reasonably related to the expense incurred in processing a payment and that does not exceed five percent of the amount of the fee, court cost, or other charge being paid;

(30)a fee, if authorized by the commissioners court, collected by a county or precinct officer on behalf of the county from a person making payment by credit card of a fee, court cost, or other charge (Sec. 132.003, Local Government Code) . . . an amount equal to the amount of any transaction fee charged to the county by a vendor providing services in connection with payments made by credit card;

(31)a fee for sale of securities under an offering that has not been registered, if the transaction or securities are not exempt (Art. 581-35-2, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) . . . as set by the securities commissioner or court, but not to exceed six times the amount that would have been paid if the issuer had filed an application to register the securities and paid the fee prescribed based on the amount of sales made in this state within the prior three years, plus interest on that amount from the date of the first sale made in this state until the date the fee is paid; and

(32) a fee for mailing an order vacating or staying an order suspending a license to the appropriate licensing authority (Sec. 232.013, Family Code) . . . \$5 for each order mailed.

SECTION 11. Chapter 104, Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 12. (a) Sections 1 through 10 of this Act amend provisions in Chapters 101, 102, and 103, Government Code, as amended by the Final Report Regarding Actions to Conform the Statutory Index of Court Fees and Costs to the Acts of the 78th

 $$\rm S.B.\ No.\ 291$  Legislature. The report was effective September 3, 2004, and was prepared and published in accordance with Chapter 104, Government Code, as it existed before the effective date of this Act. The report is available at the Texas Legislative Council's Internet "Reports/Documents" website under the heading http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/tlc.htm. At that website the report is identified as the "Final Report" under "Court Fees Project."

(b) The legislature finds that the index of court fees and costs provided by Chapters 101, 102, and 103, Government Code, is complete with the passage of this Act and the publication of the report. The legislature also finds that additional reports under Chapter 104, Government Code, to update the index in the future are no longer necessary because the updating will occur under the Texas Legislative Council's permanent statutory revision program. The council is required, as part of that program, under Subdivision (4), Subsection (c), Section 323.007, Government Code, to formulate and implement a continuous revision program of all Texas statutes, which include the index of court fees and costs.

SECTION 13. If any provision of this Act conflicts with a statute enacted by the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, the statute controls.

SECTION 14. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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