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S.B. No. 1492

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the fee for the issuance of an attorney's license or
3 certificate.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.006, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.006. FEE FOR ATTORNEY'S LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE.
8 The clerk shall collect a fee of \$150 [~~\$10~~] for the issuance of an
9 attorney's license or certificate affixed with a seal. The fee
10 shall be held by the clerk and expended by the supreme court or
11 under the direction of the court for the preparation and issuance,
12 including mailing, of the license or certificate.

13 SECTION 2. Section 101.021, Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 101.021. SUPREME COURT FEES AND COSTS. The clerk of
16 the supreme court shall collect fees and costs as follows:

17 (1) application for writ of error (Sec. 51.005,
18 Government Code) . . . \$50;

19 (2) additional fee if application for writ of error is
20 granted (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . . \$75;

21 (3) motion for leave to file petition for writ of
22 mandamus, prohibition, injunction, and other similar proceedings
23 originating in the supreme court (Sec. 51.005, Government
24 Code) . . . \$50;

1 (4) additional fee if a motion under Subdivision (3)
2 is granted (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . . \$75;

3 (5) certified question from a court of appeals to the
4 supreme court (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . . \$75;

5 (6) case appealed to the supreme court from the
6 district court by direct appeal (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . .
7 \$100;

8 (7) any other proceeding filed in the supreme court
9 (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . . \$75;

10 (8) administering an oath and giving a sealed
11 certificate of the oath (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . . \$5;

12 (9) making certain copies, including certificate and
13 seal (Sec. 51.005, Government Code) . . . \$5, or \$0.50 per page if
14 more than 10 pages;

15 (10) any official service performed by the clerk for
16 which a fee is not otherwise provided (Sec. 51.005, Government
17 Code) . . . reasonable amount set by order or rule of supreme
18 court;

19 (11) issuance of attorney's license or certificate
20 (Sec. 51.006, Government Code) . . . \$150 [~~\$10~~]; and

21 (12) additional filing fee to fund civil legal
22 services for the indigent (Sec. 51.941, Government Code) . . . \$25.

23 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
24 to a fee for the issuance of an attorney's license or certificate
25 charged on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee for the
26 issuance of an attorney's license or certificate charged before the
27 effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed

1 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.