

By: Williams

S.B. No. 325

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the  
3 Ninth Court of Appeals District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 22, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 22.2101 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22.2101. APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. (a) The  
8 commissioners court of each county in the Ninth Court of Appeals  
9 District, by order entered in its minutes, shall establish an  
10 appellate judicial system to:

11 (1) assist the court of appeals for the county in the  
12 processing of appeals filed with the court of appeals from the  
13 county courts, county courts at law, probate courts, and district  
14 courts; and

15 (2) defray costs and expenses incurred by the county  
16 under Section 22.210.

17 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall set a  
18 court fee of \$5 for each civil suit filed in county court, county  
19 court at law, probate court, or district court in the county.

20 (c) The court costs fee does not apply to a suit filed by the  
21 county or to a suit for delinquent taxes.

22 (d) The court costs fee shall be taxed, collected, and paid  
23 as other court costs in a suit. The clerk of the court shall collect  
24 the court costs fee set under this section and pay it to the county

1 officer who performs the county treasurer's functions. That  
2 officer shall deposit the fee in a separate appellate judicial  
3 system fund. The commissioners court shall administer the fund to  
4 establish and maintain a fund system to assist the court of appeals  
5 in the district. The fund may not be used for any other purpose.

6 (e) The commissioners court shall monthly order the funds  
7 collected under this section to be forwarded to the court of appeals  
8 for expenditures by the court of appeals for its judicial system.

9 (f) The commissioners court shall vest management of the  
10 system in the chief justice of the court of appeals.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.