

By: West, Paxton

S.B. No. 1908

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study conducted by the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and the repeal of certain court fees and costs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 72.031 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.031. STUDY TO REPEAL CERTAIN COURT FEES AND COSTS.

(a) Not later than September 1, 2014, the office shall:

(1) conduct a study on court fees and costs that identifies each statutory law imposing a fee or cost for filing a paper document with a court in this state;

(2) determine whether each identified fee or cost is necessary to accomplish the stated statutory purpose;

(3) compile a list of the identified fees and costs and of each fee or cost the office determines is necessary;

(4) publish the list on the office's Internet website and in the Texas Register; and

(5) provide a copy of the list and determinations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) In conducting the study required under Subsection (a), the office shall consult with local government representatives as the office determines appropriate.

1 (c) The Texas Legislative Council shall prepare for
2 consideration by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, a revision
3 of the statutes of this state as necessary to reflect the court
4 costs and fees identified by the office as not necessary in the
5 study conducted under Subsection (a).

6 (d) This section expires January 1, 2016.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.