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S.B. No. 1908

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1908:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1908

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study conducted by the Office of Court Administration  
3 of the Texas Judicial System and the repeal of certain court fees  
4 and costs.

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

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

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

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

10 (1) conduct a study on court fees and costs that  
11 identifies each statutory law imposing a court fee or cost in a  
12 court in this state;

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

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

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

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

22 (b) In conducting the study required under Subsection (a),  
23 the office shall consult with local government representatives as  
24 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 fees  
4 and costs identified by the office as not necessary in the study  
5 conducted under Subsection (a).

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

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