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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. REPEAL OF CERTAIN COURT FEES AND COSTS. (a)

Not later than December 1, 2015, 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;

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

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

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a court fee or cost included in the list prepared under Subsection (a) that is not determined and listed as necessary by the office is repealed on January 1, 2016.

(c) The Texas Legislative Council shall prepare for consideration by the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, a revision

1 of the statutes of this state as necessary to reflect the state of
2 the law after the list is published as required under this section.
3 This subsection expires January 1, 2018.

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