

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1908  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 23, 2013; April 24, 2013, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 1, 2013,  
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;  
 1-5 May 1, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 West	X			
1-8 Rodriguez			X	
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Carona			X	
1-11 Garcia	X			
1-12 Hancock	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study conducted by the Office of Court Administration  
 1-18 of the Texas Judicial System and the repeal of certain court fees  
 1-19 and costs.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is  
 1-22 amended by adding Section 72.031 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 72.031. REPEAL OF CERTAIN COURT FEES AND COSTS.

1-24 (a) Not later than December 1, 2015, the office shall:

1-25 (1) conduct a study on court fees and costs that  
 1-26 identifies each statutory law imposing a fee or cost for filing a  
 1-27 paper document with a court in this state;

1-28 (2) determine whether each identified fee or cost is  
 1-29 necessary;

1-30 (3) compile a list of the identified fees and costs and  
 1-31 of each fee or cost the office determines is necessary; and

1-32 (4) publish the list on the office's Internet website  
 1-33 and in the Texas Register.

1-34 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a court fee or cost  
 1-35 included in the list prepared under Subsection (a) that is not  
 1-36 determined and listed as necessary by the office is repealed on  
 1-37 January 1, 2016.

1-38 (c) The Texas Legislative Council shall prepare for  
 1-39 consideration by the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, a revision  
 1-40 of the statutes of this state as necessary to reflect the state of  
 1-41 the law after the list is published as required under this section.  
 1-42 This subsection expires January 1, 2018.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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