

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 740  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2015; March 2, 2015,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 April 23, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Burton	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Hinojosa	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Perry	X		

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

1-17 relating to the assessment of court costs and fees on conviction of  
1-18 multiple offenses or on conviction of multiple counts of the same  
1-19 offense.

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

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal  
1-22 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.073 to read as follows:

1-23 Art. 102.073. ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS AND FEES IN A SINGLE  
1-24 CRIMINAL ACTION. (a) In a single criminal action in which a  
1-25 defendant is convicted of two or more offenses or of multiple counts  
1-26 of the same offense, the court may assess each court cost or fee  
1-27 only once against the defendant.

1-28 (b) In a criminal action described by Subsection (a), each  
1-29 court cost or fee the amount of which is determined according to the  
1-30 category of offense must be assessed using the highest category of  
1-31 offense that is possible based on the defendant's convictions.

1-32 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
1-33 court cost or fee imposed on or after the effective date of this  
1-34 Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the cost or fee was  
1-35 imposed was committed before, on, or after that date.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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