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S.B. No. 857

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the maintenance of information entered into a fee
3 record in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 103.0081 to read as follows:

7 Art. 103.0081. UNCOLLECTIBLE FEES. (a) Any officer
8 authorized by this chapter to collect a fee or item of cost may
9 request the trial court in which a criminal action or proceeding was
10 held to make a finding that a fee or item of cost imposed in the
11 action or proceeding is uncollectible if the officer believes:

12 (1) the defendant is deceased;

13 (2) the defendant is serving a sentence for
14 imprisonment for life or life without parole; or

15 (3) the fee has been unpaid for at least 15 years.

16 (b) On a finding by a court that any condition described by
17 Subsections (a)(1)-(3) is true, the court may order the officer to
18 designate the fee or item of cost as uncollectible in the fee
19 record. The officer shall attach a copy of the court's order to the
20 fee record.

21 (c) This article applies only to a county with a population
22 of more than 780,000 but less than 790,000.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.