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S.B. No. 967

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a district clerk to collect certain
3 fees for providing electronic copies of court records.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.318, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(8), the district clerk
8 may not charge a fee for a noncertified electronic copy of any
9 electronic document on file or of record in the clerk's office,
10 unless the copy is provided in a bulk distribution. In this
11 subsection, "bulk distribution" means the distribution of all or a
12 significant subset of the electronic records on file or of record in
13 the clerk's office.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not
15 affect a fee that became payable before the effective date of this
16 Act. A fee that became payable before the effective date of this Act
17 is governed by the law in effect when the fee became payable, and
18 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.