

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2773
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the additional fee imposed on a person who is convicted of an offense and pays any part of an obligation later than a certain date is more likely to affect people who are financially challenged and unable to make payment in full of the original obligation. H.B. 2773 seeks to eliminate this additional fee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2773 repeals Section 133.103, Local Government Code, relating to the payment and disposition of a \$25 fee required to be paid by a person convicted of an offense for paying any part of a fine, court costs, or restitution on or after the 31st day after the date on which a judgment is entered assessing the fine, court costs, or restitution.

H.B. 2773 amends the Government Code and Local Government Code to make conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.