By:  Shaheen, Thierry, Smith H.B. No. 435

     (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Fallon          X

Huffman                   X

Johnson         X

Menéndez                  X

Nichols                   X

Zaffirini       X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 435 By:  Zaffirini

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance of information entered into a fee record.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter G, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.609 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.609.  UNCOLLECTIBLE FEES. (a) The clerk may request the court in which a court cost or fee was imposed on a party in a civil case to make a finding that the cost or fee is uncollectible if the cost or fee has been unpaid for at least 15 years.

(b)  On a finding by a court that a court cost or fee imposed on a party in a civil case is uncollectible, the court may order the clerk to designate the cost or fee as uncollectible in the fee record. The clerk shall attach a copy of the court's order to the fee record.

(c)  This section does not apply to a court cost or fee imposed by the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, or a court of appeals.

SECTION 2.  Article 103.0081(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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