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By:  Smith H.B. No. 2259

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2259:

By:  White C.S.H.B. No. 2259

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to uncollectible fees and costs in criminal actions and proceedings.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 103.0081(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Any officer authorized by this chapter to collect a fee or item of cost may request the trial court in which a criminal action or proceeding was held to make a finding that a fee or item of cost imposed in the action or proceeding is uncollectible if the officer believes:

(1)  the defendant is deceased;

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

(3)  the fee has been unpaid for at least 10 [~~15~~] years.

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  Article 103.0081(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.

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