By:  Zaffirini S.B. No. 1792

(In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 18, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; April 8, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Huffman         X

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Creighton       X

Fallon          X

Hall            X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Zaffirini       X

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  Article 103.0081(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.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