

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 Article 103.0081(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 435 was passed by the House on April 12, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 435 on May 13, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 435 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor