

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

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

12 (1) the defendant is deceased;

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

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

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17 is repealed.

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