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H.B. No. 2259

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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. Articles 103.0081(b) and (c), Code of Criminal  
6 Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) On a finding by a court that any condition described by  
8 Subsections (a)(1)-(3) is true, the court may order the officer to  
9 designate the fee or item of cost as uncollectible in the fee record  
10 and enter an order forgiving the outstanding fee or item of cost and  
11 closing the case. The officer shall attach a copy of the court's  
12 order to the fee record.

13 (c) The trial court in which a criminal action or proceeding  
14 was held may, on the court's own motion, make the finding described  
15 by Subsection (a) and enter an order forgiving an outstanding fee or  
16 item of cost imposed in the action or proceeding and closing the  
17 case [~~This article applies only to a county with a population of~~  
18 ~~more than 780,000 but less than 790,000~~].

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.