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H.B. No. 3176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the imposition of an additional courthouse security fee in Robertson County.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 291.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 291.0091. ROBERTSON COUNTY SECURITY FEE. (a) In addition to any other fee authorized or required by other law, including a fee for security under Section 291.008, the Robertson County Commissioners Court may set a fee not to exceed \$20 to be collected at the time of filing in each civil case filed in a district court, a county court at law, or the county court in Robertson County. The fee shall be taxed as other costs. The county is not liable for the costs.

(b) In any civil case brought by the state or a political subdivision of the state in which the state or political subdivision is the prevailing party, the amount of a fee imposed under Subsection (a) shall be taxed and collected as a cost of court against each nonprevailing party.

(c) The clerks of the respective courts shall collect the costs under this section.

(d) A court clerk who collects costs under this section shall remit the collected amounts to the county treasurer, or to any other official who discharges the duties commonly delegated to the

1 county treasurer, for deposit in a special fund to be used by the
2 commissioners court only for courthouse security.

3 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 101.06151 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 101.06151. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEE FOR SECURITY:
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court in Robertson
7 County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more than \$20
8 under Section 291.0091, Local Government Code, in civil cases to
9 fund courthouse security, if authorized by the county commissioners
10 court.

11 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 101.08141 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 101.08141. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEE FOR
14 SECURITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county
15 court in Robertson County shall collect an additional filing fee of
16 not more than \$20 under Section 291.0091, Local Government Code, in
17 civil cases to fund courthouse security, if authorized by the
18 county commissioners court.

19 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 101.10131 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 101.10131. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEE FOR
22 SECURITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate
23 court in Robertson County shall collect an additional filing fee of
24 not more than \$20 under Section 291.0091, Local Government Code, in
25 civil cases to fund courthouse security, if authorized by the
26 county commissioners court.

27 SECTION 5. Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 101.12141 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 101.12141. ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT FEE FOR SECURITY:
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of the county court in Robertson
4 County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more than \$20
5 under Section 291.0091, Local Government Code, in civil cases to
6 fund courthouse security, if authorized by the county commissioners
7 court.

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.