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H.B. No. 3361

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to court reporter service fees in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.601(a-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the clerk of each court that has an official court reporter and that serves a county with a population of 750,000 or more and located on the Texas-Mexico border [~~that contains a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more~~] shall collect a court reporter service fee of \$30 as a court cost in each civil case filed with the clerk to maintain a court reporter who is available for assignment in the court.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a case filed with the clerk of a court that has an official court reporter on or after the effective date of this Act. A case filed with the clerk of the court before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.