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S.B. No. 39

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the consolidation and allocation of state civil court  
3 costs; increasing certain civil court costs.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22.2021(b), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
8 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
9 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
10 ~~of not more than \$5]~~ for each civil suit filed in county court,  
11 county court at law, probate court, or district court in the county.

12 SECTION 2. Section 22.2031(b), Government Code, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
15 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
16 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
17 ~~of \$5]~~ for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county  
18 court, statutory probate court, or district court in the county.

19 SECTION 3. Section 22.2041(b), Government Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
22 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
23 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
24 ~~of \$5]~~ for each civil suit filed in county court, county court at

1 law, probate court, or district court in the county.

2 SECTION 4. Section 22.2051(b), Government Code, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
5 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
6 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
7 ~~of not more than \$5~~] for each civil suit filed in county court,  
8 county court at law, probate court, or district court in the county.

9 SECTION 5. Section 22.2061(b), Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
12 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
13 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
14 ~~of not more than \$5~~] for each civil suit filed in county court,  
15 county court at law, probate court, or district court in the county.

16 SECTION 6. Section 22.2071(b), Government Code, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
19 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
20 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
21 ~~of \$5~~] for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county  
22 court, probate court, or district court in the county.

23 SECTION 7. Section 22.2081(b), Government Code, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
26 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
27 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~

1 ~~of \$5~~] for each civil suit filed in a county court, statutory county  
2 court, probate court, or district court in the county.

3 SECTION 8. Section 22.2091(b), Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
6 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
7 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court costs fee~~  
8 ~~of \$5]~~ for each civil suit filed in a county court, statutory county  
9 court, statutory probate court, or district court in the county.

10 SECTION 9. Section 22.2101(b), Government Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
13 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
14 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [~~set a court fee of \$5]~~  
15 for each civil suit filed in county court, county court at law,  
16 probate court, or district court in the county.

17 SECTION 10. Subchapter C, Chapter 22, Government Code, is  
18 amended by adding Section 22.2111 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 22.2111. APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. (a) The  
20 commissioners court of each county in the Tenth Court of Appeals  
21 District by order entered in its minutes shall establish an  
22 appellate judicial system to:

23 (1) assist the court of appeals for the county in the  
24 processing of appeals filed with the court of appeals from the  
25 county courts, statutory county courts, statutory probate courts,  
26 and district courts; and

27 (2) defray costs and expenses incurred in the

1 operation of the court of appeals.

2 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
3 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
4 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, for each civil suit  
5 filed in county court, statutory county court, statutory probate  
6 court, or district court in the county.

7 (c) The court costs fee does not apply to a suit filed by any  
8 governmental entity or to a suit for delinquent taxes.

9 (d) The court costs fee shall be taxed, collected, and paid  
10 as other court costs in a suit. The clerk of the court shall collect  
11 the court costs fee set under this section and pay it to the county  
12 officer who performs the county treasurer's functions. That officer  
13 shall deposit the fee in a separate appellate judicial system fund  
14 for the court of appeals district. The fund may not be used for any  
15 other purpose.

16 (e) The funds collected under this section must be forwarded  
17 monthly to the court of appeals for expenditure by the court of  
18 appeals.

19 (f) The chief justice of the court of appeals is responsible  
20 for management of the funds forwarded to the court of appeals under  
21 this section and has sole discretion as to the use of the funds,  
22 except that the funds must be used for purposes consistent with the  
23 purposes of the appellate judicial system as described by  
24 Subsection (a).

25 SECTION 11. Section 22.2121(b), Government Code, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use

1 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
2 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [set a court costs fee  
3 of \$5] for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county  
4 court, probate court, or district court in the county.

5 SECTION 12. Section 22.2131(b), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
8 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
9 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [set a court costs fee  
10 of \$5] for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county  
11 court, probate court, or district court in the county.

12 SECTION 13. Section 22.2141(b), Government Code, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 (b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall use  
15 the court costs fee collected as provided by Sections 133.151(a)(6)  
16 and 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code, [set a court costs fee  
17 of not more than \$5] for each civil suit filed in a county court,  
18 county court at law, probate court, or district court in the county.

19 SECTION 14. Section 26.007(a), Government Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (a) Beginning on the first day of the state fiscal year, the  
22 state shall annually compensate each county that collects the  
23 additional fees and costs under Section 51.703 of this code or  
24 Section 133.1511(d), Local Government Code, in an amount equal to  
25 \$5,000 if the county judge is entitled to an annual salary  
26 supplement from the state under Section 26.006.

27 SECTION 15. Sections 51.702(c) and (d), Government Code,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 (c) Court costs and fees due under this section or Section  
3 133.1511(c), Local Government Code, shall be collected in the same  
4 manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the case.

5 (d) The clerk shall deposit the fees and costs collected  
6 under this section or Section 133.1511(c), Local Government Code,  
7 to be sent to the comptroller as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter  
8 133, Local Government Code. The comptroller shall deposit the fees  
9 in the judicial fund.

10 SECTION 16. Sections 51.703(c), (d), and (f), Government  
11 Code, are amended to read as follows:

12 (c) Court costs and fees due under this section or Section  
13 133.1511(d), Local Government Code, shall be collected in the same  
14 manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the case.

15 (d) The clerk shall deposit the fees and costs collected  
16 under this section or Section 133.1511(d), Local Government Code,  
17 to be sent to the comptroller as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter  
18 133, Local Government Code. The comptroller shall deposit the fees  
19 in the judicial fund.

20 (f) A clerk may not collect a fee under Section 133.1511(d),  
21 Local Government Code, [~~this section~~] and under Section  
22 133.1511(c), Local Government Code [~~51.702(a)~~].

23 SECTION 17. Sections 51.704(b), (c), and (i), Government  
24 Code, are amended to read as follows:

25 (b) Court fees due under Section 133.1511(e), Local  
26 Government Code, [~~this section~~] shall be collected in the same  
27 manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the case.

1 (c) The clerk shall deposit the fees collected under Section  
2 133.1511(e), Local Government Code, [~~this section~~] to be sent to  
3 the comptroller as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 133, Local  
4 Government Code. The comptroller shall deposit the fees in the  
5 judicial fund.

6 (i) A clerk may not collect a fee under Section 133.1511(e),  
7 Local Government Code, [~~this section~~] and under Section [~~51.701 or~~]  
8 51.702 of this code or Section 133.1511(c), Local Government Code.

9 SECTION 18. Sections 51.851(b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (i),  
10 (j), and (k), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (b) In addition to other fees authorized or required by law,  
12 the clerk of the supreme court or ~~or~~ a court of appeals ~~[, a district~~  
13 ~~court, a county court, a statutory county court, or a statutory~~  
14 ~~probate court]~~ shall collect a \$30 fee on the filing of any civil  
15 ~~[action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an]~~  
16 ~~appeal[, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action,~~  
17 ~~intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a~~  
18 ~~filing fee]~~ to be used as provided by Section 51.852. A fee  
19 authorized by Section 133.151(a)(4) or 133.1511(a)(2), Local  
20 Government Code, by a district court, a county court, a statutory  
21 county court, or a statutory probate court on the filing of any  
22 civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee and on the filing  
23 of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or  
24 third-party action requiring a filing fee shall be used as provided  
25 by Section 51.852.

26 (c) A fee authorized by Section 133.1512(2), Local  
27 Government Code, [~~In addition to other fees authorized or required~~

1 ~~by law, the clerk of a justice court shall collect a \$10 fee]~~ on the  
2 filing of any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee,  
3 including an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim,  
4 cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action  
5 requiring a filing fee shall ~~to~~ be used as provided by Section  
6 [51.852](#).

7 (e) A court may waive payment of a court cost or fee due  
8 under this section or Section [133.151\(a\)\(4\)](#), [133.1511\(a\)\(2\)](#), or  
9 [133.1512\(2\)](#), Local Government Code, for an individual the court  
10 determines is indigent.

11 (f) Court costs and fees due under this section or Section  
12 [133.151\(a\)\(4\)](#), [133.1511\(a\)\(2\)](#), or [133.1512\(2\)](#), Local Government  
13 Code, shall be collected in the same manner as other fees, fines, or  
14 costs in the case.

15 (g) The clerk of a district court, a county court, a  
16 statutory county court, a statutory probate court, or a justice  
17 court shall deposit the court costs and fees collected under this  
18 section or Section [133.151\(a\)\(4\)](#), [133.1511\(a\)\(2\)](#), or [133.1512\(2\)](#),  
19 Local Government Code, in the appropriate local treasury and remit  
20 the court costs and fees to the comptroller in the manner provided  
21 by Subchapter B, Chapter [133](#), Local Government Code.

22 (i) The comptroller shall deposit the court costs and fees  
23 received under this section or Section [133.151\(a\)\(4\)](#),  
24 [133.1511\(a\)\(2\)](#), or [133.1512\(2\)](#), Local Government Code, to the  
25 credit of the statewide electronic filing system fund established  
26 under Section [51.852](#).

27 (j) The comptroller may audit the records of a county



1 related to costs and fees collected under this section or Section  
2 133.151(a)(4), 133.1511(a)(2), or 133.1512(2), Local Government  
3 Code.

4 (k) Money spent from costs and fees collected under this  
5 section or Section 133.151(a)(4), 133.1511(a)(2), or 133.1512(2),  
6 Local Government Code, is subject to audit by the state auditor.

7 SECTION 19. Section 51.971, Government Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 51.971. JUDICIAL AND COURT PERSONNEL TRAINING FEE.

10 (a) A filing fee required by Section 133.151(a)(5), 133.1151(a)(3),  
11 or 133.1152(3), Local Government Code, is [~~In addition to other~~  
12 ~~fees authorized or required by law, the clerk of a district court,~~  
13 ~~county court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or~~  
14 ~~justice court shall collect a \$5 fee on the filing of any civil~~  
15 ~~action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal,~~  
16 ~~and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,~~  
17 ~~interpleader, or third party action requiring a filing fee] to be  
18 used as provided under Section 56.003.~~

19 (b) A court may waive payment of a fee due under Section  
20 133.151(a)(5), 133.1151(a)(3), or 133.1152(3), Local Government  
21 Code, [~~this section~~] for an individual the court determines is  
22 indigent.

23 (c) Fees due under Section 133.151(a)(5), 133.1151(a)(3),  
24 or 133.1152(3), Local Government Code, [~~this section~~] shall be  
25 collected in the same manner as other fees, fines, or costs in the  
26 case.

27 (d) The clerk of a district court, county court, statutory

1 county court, statutory probate court, or justice court shall  
2 deposit the court costs and fees collected under Section  
3 133.151(a)(5), 133.1151(a)(3), or 133.1152(3), Local Government  
4 Code, [this section] in the appropriate local treasury and remit  
5 the court costs and fees to the comptroller in the manner provided  
6 under Subchapter B, Chapter 133, Local Government Code.

7 (e) The comptroller shall deposit the fees received under  
8 Section 133.151(a)(5), 133.1151(a)(3), or 133.1152(3), Local  
9 Government Code, [this section] to the credit of the judicial and  
10 court personnel training fund established under Section 56.001.

11 (f) The comptroller may audit the records of a county  
12 related to costs and fees collected under Section 133.151(a)(5),  
13 133.1151(a)(3), or 133.1152(3), Local Government Code [this  
14 section].

15 (g) Money spent from costs and fees collected under Section  
16 133.151(a)(5), 133.1151(a)(3), or 133.1152(3), Local Government  
17 Code, [this section] is subject to audit by the state auditor.

18 SECTION 20. Section 101.0611, Government Code, as effective  
19 September 1, 2019, is amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 101.0611. DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS: GOVERNMENT  
21 CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect fees and costs  
22 under the Government Code as follows:

- 23 (1) ~~[appellate judicial system filing fees for:~~  
24 ~~[(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals~~  
25 ~~District (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~  
26 ~~[(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
27 ~~22.2031, Government Code) . . . \$5,~~

1                   ~~[(C) Third Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
2 ~~22.2041, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
3                   ~~[(D) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
4 ~~22.2051, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
5                   ~~[(E) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
6 ~~22.2061, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
7                   ~~[(E-1) Sixth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
8 ~~22.2071, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
9                   ~~[(E-2) Seventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
10 ~~22.2081, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
11                   ~~[(E-3) Eighth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
12 ~~22.2091, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
13                   ~~[(F) Ninth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
14 ~~22.2101, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
15                   ~~[(G) Eleventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
16 ~~22.2121, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
17                   ~~[(G-1) Twelfth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
18 ~~22.2131, Government Code) . . . \$5; and~~  
19                   ~~[(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
20 ~~22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~

21                   ~~[(2)]~~ when administering a case for the Rockwall  
22 County Court at Law (Sec. 25.2012, Government Code) . . . civil  
23 fees and court costs as if the case had been filed in district  
24 court;

25                   (2) ~~[(3)]~~ additional filing fees:

26                   (A) for each suit filed for insurance contingency  
27 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.302,

1 Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

2 (B) to fund the improvement of Dallas County  
3 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners  
4 court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

5 (B-1) to fund the improvement of Bexar County  
6 court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court  
7 (Sec. 51.706, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

8 (C) to fund the improvement of Hays County court  
9 facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
10 51.707, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

11 (D) to fund the preservation of court records  
12 (Sec. 51.708, Government Code) . . . not more than \$10;

13 (E) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
14 improvement of Rockwall County court facilities, if authorized by  
15 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.709, Government Code) . . .  
16 not more than \$15;

17 (F) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
18 improvement of Travis County court facilities, if authorized by the  
19 county commissioners court (Sec. 51.710, Government Code) . . . not  
20 more than \$15;

21 (G) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
22 improvement of Hidalgo County court facilities, if authorized by  
23 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.711, Government Code) . . .  
24 not more than \$20; and

25 (H) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
26 improvement of Cameron County court facilities, if authorized by  
27 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.711, Government Code) . . .

1 not more than \$20;

2           (3) [~~(4)~~] for filing a suit, including an appeal from  
3 an inferior court:

4           (A) for a suit with 10 or fewer plaintiffs (Sec.  
5 [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$50;

6           (B) for a suit with at least 11 but not more than  
7 25 plaintiffs (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$75;

8           (C) for a suit with at least 26 but not more than  
9 100 plaintiffs (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$100;

10           (D) for a suit with at least 101 but not more than  
11 500 plaintiffs (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$125;

12           (E) for a suit with at least 501 but not more than  
13 1,000 plaintiffs (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$150; or

14           (F) for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs  
15 (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$200;

16           (4) [~~(5)~~] for filing a cross-action, counterclaim,  
17 intervention, contempt action, motion for new trial, or third-party  
18 petition (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$15;

19           (5) [~~(6)~~] for issuing a citation or other writ or  
20 process not otherwise provided for, including one copy, when  
21 requested at the time a suit or action is filed (Sec. [51.317](#),  
22 Government Code) . . . \$8;

23           (6) [~~(7)~~] for records management and preservation  
24 (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$10;

25           (7) [~~(7-a)~~] for district court records archiving, if  
26 adopted by the county commissioners court (Sec. [51.317\(b\)\(5\)](#),  
27 Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

- 1           (8) for issuing a subpoena, including one copy (Sec.  
2 [51.318](#), Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 3           (9) for issuing a citation, commission for deposition,  
4 writ of execution, order of sale, writ of execution and order of  
5 sale, writ of injunction, writ of garnishment, writ of attachment,  
6 or writ of sequestration not provided for in Section [51.317](#), or any  
7 other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one  
8 copy if required by law (Sec. [51.318](#), Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 9           (10) for searching files or records to locate a cause  
10 when the docket number is not provided (Sec. [51.318](#), Government  
11 Code) . . . \$5;
- 12           (11) for searching files or records to ascertain the  
13 existence of an instrument or record in the district clerk's office  
14 (Sec. [51.318](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 15           (12) for abstracting a judgment (Sec. [51.318](#),  
16 Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 17           (13) for approving a bond (Sec. [51.318](#), Government  
18 Code) . . . \$4;
- 19           (14) for a certified copy of a record, judgment,  
20 order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the district  
21 clerk's office, including certificate and seal, for each page or  
22 part of a page (Sec. [51.318](#), Government Code) . . . not to exceed  
23 \$1;
- 24           (15) for a noncertified copy, for each page or part of  
25 a page (Sec. [51.318](#), Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$1;
- 26           (16) fee for performing a service:
- 27           (A) related to the matter of the estate of a

1 deceased person (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee  
2 allowed the county clerk for those services;

3 (B) related to the matter of a minor (Sec.  
4 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee allowed the county  
5 clerk for the service;

6 (C) of serving process by certified or registered  
7 mail (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee a sheriff or  
8 constable is authorized to charge for the service under Section  
9 118.131, Local Government Code;

10 (D) prescribed or authorized by law but for which  
11 no fee is set (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . a reasonable fee;  
12 and

13 (E) related to a matter filed in a statutory  
14 county court (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fees  
15 allowed the district clerk for those services in the district  
16 court;

17 (17) jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government Code) . . .  
18 \$40;

19 (18) additional filing fee for family protection on  
20 filing a suit for dissolution of a marriage under Chapter 6, Family  
21 Code (Sec. 51.961, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$15; and

22 (19) at a hearing held by an associate judge appointed  
23 under Subchapter B, Chapter 54A, Government Code, a court cost to  
24 preserve the record, in the absence of a court reporter, by any  
25 means approved by the associate judge (Sec. 54A.110, Government  
26 Code) . . . as assessed by the referring court or associate judge[+  
27 ~~and~~

1           ~~[(20) statewide electronic filing system fund fee~~  
2 ~~(Sec. 51.851, Government Code) . . . \$30].~~

3           SECTION 21. Section 101.0613, Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5           Sec. 101.0613. DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS: HUMAN  
6 RESOURCES CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect fees  
7 and costs under the Human Resources Code as follows:

8           (1) ~~[for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522,~~  
9 ~~Human Resources Code) . . . \$4;~~

10           ~~[(2)]~~ fee on filing a suit for dissolution of a  
11 marriage for services of child support department in Harris County,  
12 if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 152.1074,  
13 Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$12;

14           (2) ~~[(3)]~~ a child support service fee in Nueces County  
15 if ordered by the commissioners court and assessed by the court  
16 (Sec. 152.1844, Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$5 a month  
17 payable annually in advance;

18           (3) ~~[(4)]~~ a service fee to be paid by a person ordered  
19 by a district court to pay child or spousal support:

20           (A) in Collin County if authorized by the  
21 juvenile board (Sec. 152.0492, Human Resources Code) . . . not to  
22 exceed \$2.50 added to first support payment each month; and

23           (B) in Johnson County if authorized by the  
24 juvenile board (Sec. 152.1322, Human Resources Code) . . . \$1.00  
25 added to first support payment each month;

26           (4) and  
27           ~~[(C) in Montague County (Sec. 152.1752, Human~~



1 Resources Code) . . . \$1 if fee is ordered to be paid monthly, 50  
2 cents if fee is ordered to be paid semimonthly or weekly;

3 ~~[(5) attorney's fees as an additional cost in Montague~~  
4 ~~County on a finding of contempt of court for failure to pay child or~~  
5 ~~spousal support if the contempt action is initiated by the~~  
6 ~~probation department (Sec. 152.1752, Human Resources Code) . . .~~  
7 ~~\$15;~~

8 ~~[(6) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in~~  
9 ~~Montague County (Sec. 152.1752, Human Resources Code) . . . \$25;~~

10 ~~[(7)]~~ court cost on citation for contempt of court for  
11 failure to comply with child support order in Nueces County, if  
12 authorized by the commissioners court (Sec. 152.1844, Human  
13 Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$10;

14 (5) ~~[(8)]~~ fee on filing a suit for divorce in Orange  
15 County (Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . not less than  
16 \$5; and

17 (6) ~~[(9)]~~ court costs on citation for contempt of  
18 court in Orange County for failure to comply with a child support  
19 order or order providing for possession of or access to a child  
20 (Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . amount determined by  
21 district clerk~~;~~

22 ~~[(10) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in~~  
23 ~~Orange County (Sec. 152.1874, Human Resources Code) . . . not less~~  
24 ~~than \$25; and~~

25 ~~[(11) fee on filing a suit requesting an adoption in~~  
26 ~~Wichita County (Sec. 152.2496, Human Resources Code) . . . \$100].~~

27 SECTION 22. Section 101.0615, Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2           Sec. 101.0615. DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS: LOCAL  
3 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect fees  
4 and costs under the Local Government Code as follows:

5           (1) additional filing fees:

6                   (A) for each civil action or proceeding requiring  
7 a filing fee and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action,  
8 intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a  
9 filing fee [~~suit filed, for court-related purposes for the support~~  
10 ~~of the judiciary and for civil legal services to an indigent:~~

11                           [~~(i) for family law cases and proceedings~~  
12 ~~as defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code (Sec. 133.151, Local~~  
13 ~~Government Code) . . . \$45; or~~

14                           [~~(ii) for any case other than a case~~  
15 ~~described by Subparagraph (i)] (Sec. 133.151(a)(1) [~~133.151~~],  
16 Local Government Code) . . . \$50; and~~

17                   (B) on the filing of any civil action or  
18 proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the  
19 filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,  
20 interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund  
21 civil legal services for the indigent[+]

22                           [~~(i) for family law cases and proceedings~~  
23 ~~as defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code (Sec. 133.152, Local~~  
24 ~~Government Code) . . . \$5; or~~

25                           [~~(ii) for any case other than a case~~  
26 ~~described by Subparagraph (i)] (Sec. 133.151(a)(2) [~~133.152~~],  
27 Local Government Code) . . . \$10;~~

1 (2) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse  
2 security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court  
3 (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

4 (3) additional filing fee for filing documents not  
5 subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security  
6 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
7 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

8 (4) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse  
9 security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county  
10 commissioners court (Sec. 291.009, Local Government Code) . . . not  
11 to exceed \$20;

12 (5) court cost in civil cases other than suits for  
13 delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized  
14 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government  
15 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35; ~~and~~

16 (6) on the filing of a civil suit, an additional filing  
17 fee to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the  
18 judiciary (Sec. 133.151(a)(3) [~~133.154~~], Local Government Code)  
19 . . . \$42;i

20 (7) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.  
21 133.151(a)(4), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

22 (8) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court  
23 personnel training (Sec. 133.151(a)(5), Local Government Code)  
24 . . . \$5; and

25 (9) appellate judicial system filing fee for a court  
26 of appeals district (Sec. 133.151(a)(6), Local Government Code)  
27 . . . not more than \$5.

1 SECTION 23. Section [101.0811](#), Government Code, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 101.0811. STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS:  
4 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court shall  
5 collect fees and costs under the Government Code as follows:

- 6 (1) ~~[appellate judicial system filing fees:~~  
7 ~~[(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals~~  
8 ~~District (Sec. [22.2021](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
9 ~~[(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
10 ~~[22.2031](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
11 ~~[(C) Third Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
12 ~~[22.2041](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
13 ~~[(D) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
14 ~~[22.2051](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
15 ~~[(E) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
16 ~~[22.2061](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
17 ~~[(E-1) Sixth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
18 ~~[22.2071](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
19 ~~[(E-2) Seventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
20 ~~[22.2081](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
21 ~~[(E-3) Eighth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
22 ~~[22.2091](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
23 ~~[(F) Ninth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
24 ~~[22.2101](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
25 ~~[(G) Eleventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
26 ~~[22.2121](#), Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
27 ~~[(G-1) Twelfth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~

1 ~~22.2131, Government Code) . . . \$5; and~~  
2 ~~[(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
3 ~~22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
4 ~~[(2)]~~ an official court reporter fee, County Court at  
5 Law No. 2 of Bexar County (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code) . . . \$3;  
6 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ in Brazoria County, in matters of concurrent  
7 jurisdiction with the district court, fees (Sec. 25.0222,  
8 Government Code) . . . as prescribed by law for district judges  
9 according to the nature of the matter;  
10 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ a court reporter fee when testimony is taken  
11 in a county court at law in McLennan County (Sec. 25.1572,  
12 Government Code) . . . \$3;  
13 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ a stenographer fee, if a record or part of a  
14 record is made:  
15 (A) in a county court at law in Hidalgo County  
16 (Sec. 25.1102, Government Code) . . . \$20; and  
17 (B) in the 1st Multicounty Court at Law (Sec.  
18 25.2702, Government Code) . . . \$25;  
19 (5) ~~[(6)]~~ jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government Code)  
20 . . . \$40;  
21 (6) ~~[(7)]~~ an additional filing fee:  
22 (A) ~~[for each civil case filed to be used for~~  
23 ~~court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary (Sec.~~  
24 ~~51.702, Government Code) . . . \$40;~~  
25 ~~[(B)]~~ to fund the improvement of Dallas County  
26 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners  
27 court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

1                    (B) [~~(B-1)~~] to fund the improvement of Bexar  
2 County court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners  
3 court (Sec. 51.706, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

4                    (C) to fund the improvement of Hays County court  
5 facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
6 51.707, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

7                    (D) to fund the preservation of court records  
8 (Sec. 51.708, Government Code) . . . not more than \$10;

9                    (E) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
10 improvement of Rockwall County court facilities, if authorized by  
11 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.709, Government Code) . . .  
12 not more than \$15;

13                    (F) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
14 improvement of Travis County court facilities, if authorized by the  
15 county commissioners court (Sec. 51.710, Government Code) . . . not  
16 more than \$15;

17                    (G) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
18 improvement of Hidalgo County court facilities, if authorized by  
19 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.711, Government Code) . . .  
20 not more than \$20; and

21                    (H) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
22 improvement of Cameron County court facilities, if authorized by  
23 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.711, Government Code) . . .  
24 not more than \$20;

25                    (7) [~~(8)~~] the official court reporter's fee taxed as  
26 costs in civil actions in a statutory county court:

27                    (A) in Bexar County Courts at Law Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6,

1 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code)  
2 . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in district  
3 court;

4 (B) in Galveston County (Sec. 25.0862,  
5 Government Code) . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed  
6 in civil cases in the district courts;

7 (C) in Harris County (Sec. 25.1032, Government  
8 Code) . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in civil  
9 cases in the district courts; and

10 (D) in Parker County (Sec. 25.1862, Government  
11 Code) . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in civil  
12 cases in the district courts;

13 (8) [~~(9)~~] in Nueces County, in matters of concurrent  
14 jurisdiction with the district court, with certain exceptions, fees  
15 (Sec. 25.1802, Government Code) . . . equal to those in district  
16 court cases;

17 (9) [~~(10)~~] a fee not otherwise listed in this  
18 subchapter that is required to be collected under Section 25.0008,  
19 Government Code, in a county other than Brazos, Cameron, Ellis,  
20 Guadalupe, Harris, Henderson, Liberty, Moore, Nolan, Panola,  
21 Parker, Starr, Victoria, and Williamson . . . as prescribed by law  
22 relating to county judges' fees; and

23 (10) [~~(11)~~] at a hearing held by an associate judge  
24 appointed under Subchapter B, Chapter 54A, Government Code, a court  
25 cost to preserve the record, in the absence of a court reporter, by  
26 any means approved by the associate judge (Sec. 54A.110, Government  
27 Code) . . . as assessed by the referring court or associate judge[+]

1 and

2 ~~[(12) statewide electronic filing system fund fee~~  
3 ~~(Sec. 51.851, Government Code) . . . \$30].~~

4 SECTION 24. Section 101.0814, Government Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 101.0814. STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS: LOCAL  
7 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court shall  
8 collect fees and costs under the Local Government Code as follows:

9 (1) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for  
10 liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners  
11 court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

12 (2) civil court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local  
13 Government Code):

14 (A) filing of original action (Secs. 118.052 and  
15 118.053, Local Government Code):

16 (i) garnishment after judgment (Sec.  
17 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$15; and

18 (ii) all others (Sec. 118.052, Local  
19 Government Code) . . . \$40;

20 (B) filing of action other than original (Secs.  
21 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . \$30; and

22 (C) services rendered after judgment in original  
23 action (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0545, Local Government Code):

24 (i) abstract of judgment (Sec. 118.052,  
25 Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and

26 (ii) execution, order of sale, writ, or  
27 other process (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;



1           (3) probate court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local  
2 Government Code):

3           (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and  
4 118.055, Local Government Code):

5           (i) probate of a will with independent  
6 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an  
7 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of  
8 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

9           (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,  
10 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

11           (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local  
12 Government Code) . . . \$40;

13           (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.  
14 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

15           (v) mental health or chemical dependency  
16 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and

17           (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052  
18 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

19           (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.  
20 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):

21           (i) filing an inventory and appraisement  
22 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.056(d), Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

23           (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.  
24 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;

25           (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,  
26 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

27           (iv) filing annual or final account of

1 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

2 (v) filing application for sale of real or

3 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

4 (vi) filing annual or final report of

5 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . .

6 \$10; and

7 (vii) filing a document not listed under

8 this paragraph after the filing of an order approving the inventory

9 and appraisement or after the 120th day after the date of the

10 initial filing of the action, whichever occurs first (Secs. 118.052

11 and 191.007, Local Government Code), if more than 25 pages . . .

12 \$25;

13 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and

14 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

15 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and

16 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

17 (E) supplemental court-initiated guardianship

18 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.067, Local Government Code) . . . \$20;

19 and

20 (F) supplemental public probate administrator

21 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.068, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

22 (4) other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):

23 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,

24 Local Government Code):

25 (i) original document and one copy (Sec.

26 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and

27 (ii) each additional set of an original and

1 one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4;

2 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,  
3 Local Government Code):

4 (i) for the clerk's certificate (Sec.  
5 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and

6 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.  
7 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

8 (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of  
9 a page (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government Code) . . .  
10 \$1;

11 (D) letters testamentary, letter of  
12 guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment  
13 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

14 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and  
15 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

16 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and  
17 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and

18 (G) records management and preservation fee  
19 (Secs. 118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645, Local Government Code)  
20 . . . \$5;

21 (5) additional filing fee for filing any civil action  
22 or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on  
23 the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,  
24 interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund  
25 civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. 133.1511(a)(1)  
26 [~~133.153~~], Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

27 (6) on the filing of a civil suit, an additional filing

1 fee to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the  
2 judiciary (Sec. 133.1511(b) [~~133.154~~], Local Government Code)  
3 . . . \$42;

4 (7) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse  
5 security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court  
6 (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

7 (8) additional filing fee for filing documents not  
8 subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security  
9 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
10 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

11 (9) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse  
12 security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county  
13 commissioners court (Sec. 291.009, Local Government Code) . . . not  
14 to exceed \$20; [~~and~~]

15 (10) court cost in civil cases other than suits for  
16 delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized  
17 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government  
18 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35;

19 (11) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.  
20 133.1511(a)(2), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

21 (12) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court  
22 personnel training (Sec. 133.1511(a)(3), Local Government Code)  
23 . . . \$5;

24 (13) appellate judicial system filing fee for a court  
25 of appeals district (Sec. 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code)  
26 . . . not more than \$5; and

27 (14) an additional filing fee for each civil case

1 filed to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the  
2 judiciary (Sec. 133.1511(c), Local Government Code) . . . \$40.

3 SECTION 25. Section [101.1011](#), Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 101.1011. STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES AND COSTS:  
6 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate court shall  
7 collect fees and costs under the Government Code as follows:

- 8 (1) [~~appellate judicial system filing fees:~~
- 9 [(A) ~~First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals~~
  - 10 ~~District (Sec. [22.2021](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
  - 11 [(B) ~~Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 12 ~~[22.2031](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
  - 13 [(C) ~~Third Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 14 ~~[22.2041](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
  - 15 [(D) ~~Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 16 ~~[22.2051](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
  - 17 [(E) ~~Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 18 ~~[22.2061](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
  - 19 [(E-1) ~~Sixth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 20 ~~[22.2071](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
  - 21 [(E-2) ~~Seventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 22 ~~[22.2081](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
  - 23 [(E-3) ~~Eighth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 24 ~~[22.2091](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
  - 25 [(F) ~~Ninth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
  - 26 ~~[22.2101](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
  - 27 [(G) ~~Eleventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~

1 ~~22.2121, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~

2 [~~(C-1) Twelfth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
3 ~~22.2131, Government Code) . . . \$5; and~~

4 [~~(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
5 ~~22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~

6 [~~2~~] additional filing fees as follows:

7 (A) for certain cases to be used for  
8 court-related purposes for support of the judiciary (Sec. 51.704,  
9 Government Code) . . . \$40;

10 (B) to fund the improvement of Dallas County  
11 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners  
12 court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

13 (B-1) to fund the improvement of Bexar County  
14 court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court  
15 (Sec. 51.706, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

16 (C) to fund the improvement of Hays County court  
17 facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
18 51.707, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

19 (D) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
20 improvement of Rockwall County court facilities, if authorized by  
21 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.709, Government Code) . . .  
22 not more than \$15;

23 (E) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
24 improvement of Travis County court facilities, if authorized by the  
25 county commissioners court (Sec. 51.710, Government Code) . . . not  
26 more than \$15; and

27 (F) to fund the construction, renovation, or

1 improvement of Hidalgo County court facilities, if authorized by  
2 the county commissioners court (Sec. [51.711](#), Government Code) . . .  
3 not more than \$20;

4       (2) [~~(3)~~] jury fee for civil case (Sec. [51.604](#),  
5 Government Code) . . . \$40;

6       (3) [~~(4)~~] the expense of preserving the record as a  
7 court cost, if imposed on a party by the referring court or  
8 associate judge (Sec. [54A.211](#), Government Code) . . . actual cost;  
9 and

10       (4) [~~(5)~~] a fee not otherwise listed in this  
11 subchapter that is required to be collected under Section [25.0029](#),  
12 Government Code (Sec. [25.0029](#), Government Code) . . . as prescribed  
13 by law relating to county judges' fees[~~, and~~

14       [~~(6) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.~~  
15 ~~[51.851](#), Government Code) . . . \$30].~~

16       SECTION 26. Section [101.1013](#), Government Code, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18       Sec. 101.1013. STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES AND COSTS:  
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate court shall  
20 collect fees and costs under the Local Government Code as follows:

21       (1) additional filing fee for filing any civil action  
22 or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on  
23 the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,  
24 interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee to fund  
25 civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. [133.1511\(a\)\(1\)](#)  
26 [~~[133.153](#)~~], Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

27       (2) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for

1 liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners  
2 court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

3 (3) probate court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local  
4 Government Code):

5 (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and  
6 118.055, Local Government Code):

7 (i) probate of a will with independent  
8 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an  
9 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of  
10 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

11 (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,  
12 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

13 (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local  
14 Government Code) . . . \$40;

15 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.  
16 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

17 (v) mental health or chemical dependency  
18 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and

19 (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052  
20 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

21 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.  
22 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):

23 (i) filing an inventory and appraisalment  
24 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.056(d), Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

25 (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.  
26 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;

27 (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,



1 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

2 (iv) filing annual or final account of  
3 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code). . . \$25;

4 (v) filing application for sale of real or  
5 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

6 (vi) filing annual or final report of  
7 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . .  
8 \$10; and

9 (vii) filing a document not listed under  
10 this paragraph after the filing of an order approving the inventory  
11 and appraisal or after the 120th day after the date of the  
12 initial filing of the action, whichever occurs first (Secs. 118.052  
13 and 191.007, Local Government Code), if more than 25 pages . . .  
14 \$25;

15 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and  
16 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

17 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and  
18 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

19 (E) supplemental court-initiated guardianship  
20 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.067, Local Government Code) . . . \$20;  
21 and

22 (F) supplemental public probate administrator  
23 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.068, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

24 (4) other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):

25 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,  
26 Local Government Code):

27 (i) original document and one copy (Sec.

1 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and  
2 (ii) each additional set of an original and  
3 one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4;  
4 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,  
5 Local Government Code):  
6 (i) for the clerk's certificate (Sec.  
7 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and  
8 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.  
9 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;  
10 (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of  
11 a page (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government Code) . . .  
12 \$1;  
13 (D) letters testamentary, letter of  
14 guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment  
15 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;  
16 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and  
17 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;  
18 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and  
19 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and  
20 (G) records management and preservation fee  
21 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0645, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; ~~and~~  
22 (5) court cost in civil cases other than suits for  
23 delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized  
24 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government  
25 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35;  
26 (6) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.  
27 133.1511(a)(2), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

1           (7) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court  
2 personnel training (Sec. 133.1511(a)(3), Local Government Code)  
3 . . . \$5; and

4           (8) appellate judicial system filing fee for a court  
5 of appeals district (Sec. 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code)  
6 . . . not more than \$5.

7           SECTION 27. Section [101.1212](#), Government Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9           Sec. 101.1212. COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS: GOVERNMENT  
10 CODE. The clerk of a county court shall collect the following fees  
11 and costs under the Government Code:

12           (1) ~~[appellate judicial system filing fees:~~

13                   ~~[(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals~~  
14 ~~District (Sec. [22.2021](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~

15                   ~~[(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
16 ~~[22.2031](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~

17                   ~~[(C) Third Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
18 ~~[22.2041](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~

19                   ~~[(D) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
20 ~~[22.2051](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~

21                   ~~[(E) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
22 ~~[22.2061](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~

23                   ~~[(E-1) Sixth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
24 ~~[22.2071](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~

25                   ~~[(E-2) Seventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
26 ~~[22.2081](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~

27                   ~~[(E-3) Eighth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~

1 ~~22.2091, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
2                   ~~[(F) Ninth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
3 ~~22.2101, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
4                   ~~[(C) Eleventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
5 ~~22.2121, Government Code) . . . \$5;~~  
6                   ~~[(C-1) Twelfth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
7 ~~22.2131, Government Code) . . . \$5; and~~  
8                   ~~[(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~  
9 ~~22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~  
10                   ~~[(2)]~~ a jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government Code) . . .  
11 \$40; and  
12                   (2) ~~[(3) a filing fee in each civil case filed to be~~  
13 ~~used for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary~~  
14 ~~(Sec. 51.703, Government Code) . . . \$40;~~  
15                   ~~[(4)]~~ a filing fee to fund the preservation of court  
16 records (Sec. 51.708, Government Code) . . . not more than \$10~~+~~  
17 and  
18                   ~~[(5) a statewide electronic filing system fund fee~~  
19 ~~(Sec. 51.851, Government Code) . . . \$30].~~

20                   SECTION 28. Section 101.1214, Government Code, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22                   Sec. 101.1214. COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS: LOCAL  
23 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a county court shall collect the  
24 following fees and costs under the Local Government Code:

25                   (1) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for  
26 liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners  
27 court (Sec. 82.003, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

1           (2) civil court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local  
2 Government Code):

3           (A) filing of original action (Secs. 118.052 and  
4 118.053, Local Government Code):

5           (i) garnishment after judgment (Sec.  
6 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$15; and

7           (ii) all others (Sec. 118.052, Local  
8 Government Code) . . . \$40;

9           (B) filing of action other than original (Secs.  
10 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . \$30; and

11           (C) services rendered after judgment in original  
12 action (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0545, Local Government Code):

13           (i) abstract of judgment (Sec. 118.052,  
14 Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and

15           (ii) execution, order of sale, writ, or  
16 other process (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

17           (3) probate court actions (Sec. 118.052, Local  
18 Government Code):

19           (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and  
20 118.055, Local Government Code):

21           (i) probate of a will with independent  
22 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an  
23 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of  
24 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

25           (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,  
26 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

27           (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local

1 Government Code) . . . \$40;

2 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.

3 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

4 (v) mental health or chemical dependency

5 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and

6 (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052

7 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

8 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.

9 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):

10 (i) filing an inventory and appraisalment

11 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.056(d), Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

12 (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.

13 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;

14 (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,

15 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

16 (iv) filing annual or final account of

17 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

18 (v) filing application for sale of real or

19 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

20 (vi) filing annual or final report of

21 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . .

22 \$10; and

23 (vii) filing a document not listed under

24 this paragraph after the filing of an order approving the inventory

25 and appraisalment or after the 120th day after the date of the

26 initial filing of the action, whichever occurs first (Secs. 118.052

27 and 191.007, Local Government Code), if more than 25 pages . . .

1 \$25;

2 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and  
3 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

4 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and  
5 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

6 (E) supplemental court-initiated guardianship  
7 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.067, Local Government Code) . . . \$20;  
8 and

9 (F) supplemental public probate administrator  
10 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.068, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

11 (4) other fees (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code):

12 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,  
13 Local Government Code):

14 (i) original document and one copy (Sec.  
15 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and

16 (ii) each additional set of an original and  
17 one copy (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4;

18 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,  
19 Local Government Code):

20 (i) for the clerk's certificate (Sec.  
21 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and

22 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.  
23 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

24 (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of  
25 a page (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government Code) . . .  
26 \$1;

27 (D) letters testamentary, letter of

1 guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment  
2 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;

3 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and  
4 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

5 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and  
6 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and

7 (G) records management and preservation fee  
8 (Secs. 118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645, Local Government Code)  
9 . . . \$5;

10 (5) deposit on filing petition requesting permission  
11 to create a municipal civic center authority (Sec. 281.013, Local  
12 Government Code) . . . \$200;

13 (6) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse  
14 security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court  
15 (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

16 (7) additional filing fee for filing documents not  
17 subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security  
18 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
19 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

20 (8) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse  
21 security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county  
22 commissioners court (Sec. 291.009, Local Government Code) . . . not  
23 to exceed \$20;

24 (9) court cost in civil cases other than suits for  
25 delinquent taxes to fund the county law library fund, if authorized  
26 by the county commissioners court (Sec. 323.023, Local Government  
27 Code) . . . not to exceed \$35;



1           (10) additional filing fee for filing any civil action  
2 or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on  
3 the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,  
4 interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund  
5 civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. 133.1511(a)(1)  
6 [~~133.153~~], Local Government Code) . . . \$10; [~~and~~

7           (11) on the filing of a civil suit an additional filing  
8 fee to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the  
9 judiciary (Sec. 133.1511(b) [~~133.154~~], Local Government Code)  
10 . . . \$42;i

11           (12) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.  
12 133.1511(a)(2), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

13           (13) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court  
14 personnel training (Sec. 133.1511(a)(3), Local Government Code)  
15 . . . \$5;

16           (14) appellate judicial system filing fee for a court  
17 of appeals district (Sec. 133.1511(a)(4), Local Government Code)  
18 . . . not more than \$5; and

19           (15) a filing fee in each civil case filed to be used  
20 for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary (Sec.  
21 133.1511(d), Government Code) . . . \$40.

22           SECTION 29. Section 101.141(b), Government Code, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24           (b) A clerk of a justice court shall collect fees and costs  
25 under other laws as follows:

26           (1) the cost of a special program that a court may  
27 order a child to attend after a finding that the child committed an

1 offense, if ordered by the court (Art. 45.057, Code of Criminal  
2 Procedure) . . . costs of the program not to exceed \$100;

3 (2) additional filing fees:

4 (A) to fund Dallas County civil court facilities  
5 (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

6 (B) for filing any civil action or proceeding  
7 requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of  
8 any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or  
9 third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund civil legal  
10 services for the indigent (Sec. 133.1512(1) [~~133.153~~], Local  
11 Government Code) . . . \$6;

12 (C) to fund the improvement of Hays County court  
13 facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.  
14 51.707, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15; and

15 (D) to fund the construction, renovation, or  
16 improvement of Rockwall County court facilities, if authorized by  
17 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.709, Government Code) . . .  
18 not more than \$15;

19 (3) [~~for filing a suit in Comal County (Sec. 152.0522,~~  
20 ~~Human Resources Code) . . . \$1.50,~~

21 [~~(4)~~] fee for hearing on probable cause for removal of  
22 a vehicle and placement in a storage facility if assessed by the  
23 court (Sec. 2308.457, Occupations Code) . . . \$20;

24 (4) [~~and~~

25 [~~(5)~~] statewide electronic filing system fund fee  
26 (Sec. 133.1512(2) [~~51.851~~], Local Government Code) . . . \$10; and

27 (5) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court

1 personnel training (Sec. 133.1512(3), Local Government Code) . . .  
2 \$5.

3 SECTION 30. Section 103.0212, Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 103.0212. ADDITIONAL FEES AND COSTS IN CRIMINAL OR  
6 CIVIL CASES: FAMILY CODE. An accused or defendant, or a party to a  
7 civil suit, as applicable, shall pay the following fees and costs  
8 under the Family Code if ordered by the court or otherwise required:

9 (1) in family matters:

10 (A) issuing writ of withholding (Sec. 8.262,  
11 Family Code) . . . \$15;

12 (B) filing copy of writ of withholding to  
13 subsequent employer (Sec. 8.267, Family Code) . . . \$15;

14 (C) issuing and delivering modified writ of  
15 withholding or notice of termination (Sec. 8.302, Family Code)  
16 . . . \$15;

17 (D) issuing and delivering notice of termination  
18 of withholding (Sec. 8.303, Family Code) . . . \$15;

19 (E) issuance of change of name certificate (Sec.  
20 45.106, Family Code) . . . \$10;

21 (F) protective order fee (Sec. 81.003, Family  
22 Code) . . . \$16;

23 (G) ~~[filing suit requesting adoption of child~~  
24 ~~(Sec. 108.006, Family Code) . . . \$15,~~

25 ~~[(H)]~~ filing fees for suits affecting  
26 parent-child relationship (Sec. 110.002, Family Code):

27 (i) suit or motion for modification (Sec.

1 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15;  
2 (ii) motion for enforcement (Sec. 110.002,  
3 Family Code) . . . \$15;  
4 (iii) notice of application for judicial  
5 writ of withholding (Sec. 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15;  
6 (iv) motion to transfer (Sec. 110.002,  
7 Family Code) . . . \$15;  
8 (v) petition for license suspension (Sec.  
9 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15;  
10 (vi) motion to revoke a stay of license  
11 suspension (Sec. 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15; and  
12 (vii) motion for contempt (Sec. 110.002,  
13 Family Code) . . . \$15;  
14 (H) [~~(I)~~] order or writ of income withholding to  
15 be delivered to employer (Sec. 110.004, Family Code) . . . not to  
16 exceed \$15;  
17 (I) [~~(J)~~] filing fee for transferred case (Sec.  
18 110.005, Family Code) . . . \$45;  
19 (J) [~~(K)~~] filing a writ of withholding (Sec.  
20 158.319, Family Code) . . . \$15;  
21 (K) [~~(L)~~] filing a request for modified writ of  
22 withholding or notice of termination (Sec. 158.403, Family Code)  
23 . . . not to exceed \$15;  
24 (L) [~~(M)~~] filing an administrative writ to  
25 employer (Sec. 158.503, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$15; and  
26 (M) [~~(N)~~] genetic testing fees in relation to a  
27 child born to a gestational mother (Sec. 160.762, Family Code)

1 . . . as assessed by the court; and

2 (2) in juvenile court:

3 (A) fee schedule for deferred prosecution  
4 services (Sec. 53.03, Family Code) . . . maximum fee of \$15 a month;

5 (B) a request fee for a teen court program (Sec.  
6 54.032, Family Code) . . . \$20, if the court ordering the fee is  
7 located in the Texas-Louisiana border region, but otherwise not to  
8 exceed \$10;

9 (C) court costs for juvenile probation diversion  
10 fund (Sec. 54.0411, Family Code) . . . \$20;

11 (D) a juvenile delinquency prevention fee (Sec.  
12 54.0461, Family Code) . . . \$50;

13 (E) a court fee for child's probationary period  
14 (Sec. 54.061, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$15 a month;

15 (F) a fee to cover costs of required duties of  
16 teen court (Sec. 54.032, Family Code) . . . \$20, if the court  
17 ordering the fee is located in the Texas-Louisiana border region,  
18 but otherwise not to exceed \$10;

19 (G) a fee for DNA testing on commitment to  
20 certain facilities (Sec. 54.0462, Family Code) . . . \$50;

21 (H) a fee for DNA testing after placement on  
22 probation or as otherwise required by law (Sec. 54.0462, Family  
23 Code) . . . \$34;

24 (I) a program fee for a teen dating violence  
25 court program (Sec. 54.0325, Family Code) . . . \$10; and

26 (J) a fee to cover the cost to the court of  
27 administering a teen dating violence court program (Sec. 54.0325,

1 Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$10.

2 SECTION 31. Section 103.026, Government Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 103.026. MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND COSTS: FAMILY CODE.  
5 Fees and costs shall be paid or collected under the Family Code as  
6 follows:

7 (1) [~~costs of determining and sending information~~  
8 ~~concerning the identity of the court with continuing, exclusive~~  
9 ~~jurisdiction if charged by the bureau of vital statistics (Sec.~~  
10 ~~108.006, Family Code) . . . reasonable fee;~~

11 [~~(2)~~] initial operations fee paid to the domestic  
12 relations office on each filing of an original suit affecting the  
13 parent-child relationship, motion for modification, or motion for  
14 enforcement, if authorized by the administering entity (Sec.  
15 203.005, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$15;

16 (2) [~~(3)~~] initial child support service fee paid to  
17 the domestic relations office in certain counties on the filing of  
18 an original suit affecting the parent-child relationship, if  
19 authorized by the administering entity (Sec. 203.005, Family Code)  
20 . . . not to exceed \$36;

21 (3) [~~(4)~~] service fee for services of a domestic  
22 relations office, if authorized by the administering entity (Sec.  
23 203.005, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$3 per month;

24 (4) [~~(5)~~] fee to reimburse a domestic relations office  
25 for a fee paid for filing an administrative writ of withholding  
26 (Secs. 158.503 and 203.005, Family Code) . . . the amount of the fee  
27 paid;

1           (5) [~~(6)~~] fee from a Title IV-D agency for each item of  
2 process to each individual on whom service is required, including  
3 service by certified or registered mail (Sec. [231.202](#), Family Code)  
4 . . . the amount that a sheriff or constable may charge for serving  
5 process under Section [118.131](#), Local Government Code;

6           (6) [~~(7)~~] a fee for mailing an order vacating or  
7 staying an order suspending a license to the appropriate licensing  
8 authority (Sec. [232.013](#), Family Code) . . . \$5 for each order  
9 mailed; and

10           (7) [~~(8)~~] a court cost paid by a party to a truancy  
11 case, if ordered by a truancy court (Sec. [65.107](#), Family Code) . . .  
12 \$50.

13           SECTION 32. Section [40.062](#), Human Resources Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15           Sec. 40.062. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN COSTS AND FEES. The  
16 department is not required to pay any cost or fee otherwise imposed  
17 for court proceedings or other services, including a:

18           (1) filing fee or fee for issuance or service of  
19 process imposed by Section [110.002](#), Family Code, or by Section  
20 [51.317](#), [51.318](#)(b)(2), or [51.319](#), Government Code;

21           (2) transfer fee imposed by Section [110.002](#) or  
22 [110.005](#), Family Code;

23           (3) court reporter fee imposed by Section [51.601](#),  
24 Government Code;

25           (4) judicial fund fee imposed by Section [51.702](#),  
26 Government Code, or Section [133.1511](#)(c), Local Government Code;

27           (5) judge's fee imposed by Section [25.0008](#) or [25.0029](#),

1 Government Code;

2 (6) cost or security fee imposed by Section 53.051,  
3 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or

4 (7) fee imposed by a county officer under Section  
5 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code.

6 SECTION 33. Section 161.107(b), Human Resources Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) The department is not required to pay any cost or fee  
9 otherwise imposed for court proceedings or other services,  
10 including:

11 (1) a filing fee or fee for issuance of service of  
12 process imposed by Section 51.317, 51.318(b)(2), or 51.319,  
13 Government Code;

14 (2) a court reporter service fee imposed by Section  
15 51.601, Government Code;

16 (3) a judicial fund fee imposed by Section 51.702,  
17 Government Code, or Section 133.1511(c), Local Government Code;

18 (4) a judge's fee imposed by Section 25.0008 or  
19 25.0029, Government Code;

20 (5) a cost or security fee imposed by Section 53.051,  
21 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or

22 (6) a fee imposed by a county officer under Section  
23 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code.

24 SECTION 34. Section 133.004, Local Government Code, as  
25 amended by Chapters 718 (H.B. 2359), 1027 (H.B. 1623), and 1149  
26 (S.B. 1119), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007,  
27 is reenacted and amended to read as follows:



1           Sec. 133.004. CIVIL FEES. This chapter applies to the  
2 following civil fees:

3           (1) the consolidated fee on filing in district court  
4 imposed under Section 133.151;

5           (2) the filing fee in district court for basic civil  
6 legal services for indigents imposed under Section 133.151(a)(2)  
7 [~~133.152~~];

8           (3) the filing fee in courts other than district court  
9 for basic civil legal services for indigents imposed under Section  
10 133.1511(a)(1) or 133.1512(1) [~~133.153~~];

11           (4) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in  
12 certain statutory county courts under Section 133.1511(c) of this  
13 code or Section 51.702, Government Code;

14           (5) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in  
15 certain county courts under Section 133.1511(d) of this code or  
16 Section 51.703, Government Code;

17           (6) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in  
18 [~~certain~~] statutory probate courts under Section 133.1511(e)  
19 [~~51.704, Government Code~~];

20           (7) fees collected under Section 118.015;

21           (8) marriage license fees for the family trust fund  
22 collected under Section 118.018;

23           (9) marriage license or declaration of informal  
24 marriage fees for the child abuse and neglect prevention trust fund  
25 account collected under Section 118.022;

26           (10) the filing fee for the judicial fund imposed in  
27 district court, statutory county court, and county court under

1 Section 133.151(a)(3) or 133.1511(b) [~~Section 133.154~~]; [~~and~~]

2 (11) the portion of the civil or administrative  
3 penalty described by Section 542.406(c)(1), Transportation Code,  
4 imposed by a local authority to enforce compliance with the  
5 instructions of a traffic-control signal; and

6 (12) [~~(11)~~] the portion of the civil or administrative  
7 penalty described by Section 707.008(a)(1), Transportation Code,  
8 imposed by a local authority to enforce compliance with the  
9 instructions of a traffic-control signal.

10 SECTION 35. Section 133.058(d), Local Government Code, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (d) A county may not retain a service fee on the collection  
13 of a fee:

14 (1) for the judicial fund;

15 (2) under Article 42A.303 or 42A.653, Code of Criminal  
16 Procedure;

17 (3) under Section 133.1511(a)(2) or 133.1512(2) of  
18 this code or Section 51.851, Government Code; or

19 (4) under Section 133.1511(a)(3) or 133.1512(3)  
20 [~~51.971, Government Code~~].

21 SECTION 36. Section 133.151, Local Government Code, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 133.151. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING A CIVIL SUIT  
24 IN DISTRICT COURT. (a) In addition to each fee collected under  
25 Section 51.317(b)(1), Government Code, the clerk of a district  
26 court shall collect the following fees on the filing of any civil  
27 action or proceeding requiring a filing fee and on the filing of any

1 counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or  
2 third-party action requiring a filing fee [suit]:

3 (1) ~~[\$45 for family law cases and proceedings as~~  
4 ~~defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code; and~~

5 ~~[-2-] \$50 to be used as provided by Subsection (c) [for~~  
6 ~~any case other than a case described by Subdivision (1)];~~

7 (2) \$10 to be used as provided by Section 133.152;

8 (3) \$42 to be used as provided by Section 133.154;

9 (4) \$30 to be used as provided by Section 51.851,  
10 Government Code;

11 (5) \$5 to be used as provided by Section 51.971,  
12 Government Code; and

13 (6) \$5 court costs fee to be deposited in the appellate  
14 justice system fund appropriate for the appellate district in which  
15 the court is located to be used as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter  
16 22, Government Code.

17 (b) The fees under Subsection (a)(1) ~~[-a-]~~ shall be  
18 collected and remitted to the comptroller in the manner provided by  
19 Subchapter B.

20 (c) The comptroller shall allocate the fees received under  
21 Subsection (a)(1) ~~[this section]~~ to the following accounts and  
22 funds so that each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing  
23 historical data as applicable, the same amount of money the account  
24 or fund would have received if the fees for the accounts and funds  
25 had been collected and reported separately:

26 (1) the judicial fund to be used for court-related  
27 purposes for the support of the judiciary; and

1           (2) the basic civil legal services account of the  
2 judicial fund for use in programs approved by the supreme court that  
3 provide basic civil legal services to an indigent.

4           SECTION 37. Subchapter D, Chapter [133](#), Local Government  
5 Code, is amended by adding Sections 133.1511 and 133.1512 to read as  
6 follows:

7           Sec. 133.1511. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING CIVIL SUIT  
8 IN STATUTORY COUNTY COURT, STATUTORY PROBATE COURT, OR COUNTY  
9 COURT. (a) The clerk of a statutory county court, statutory  
10 probate court, or a county court shall collect the following fees on  
11 the filing of any civil action or proceeding and on the filing of  
12 any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or  
13 third-party action requiring a filing fee:

14                   (1) \$10 to be used as provided by Section [133.153](#);

15                   (2) \$30 to be used as provided by Section [51.851](#),  
16 Government Code;

17                   (3) \$5 to be used as provided by Section [51.971](#),  
18 Government Code; and

19                   (4) \$5 court costs fee to be deposited in the appellate  
20 justice system fund appropriate for the appellate district in which  
21 the court is located to be used as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter  
22 [22](#).

23           (b) The clerk of a statutory county court or a county court  
24 shall collect a fee of \$42 on the filing of any suit to be used as  
25 provided by Section [133.154](#).

26           (c) The clerk of a statutory county court shall collect a  
27 \$40 filing fee in each civil case filed in the court to be used for

1 court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary as provided  
2 by Section 51.702, Government Code.

3 (d) In addition to all other fees authorized or required by  
4 other law, the clerk of a county court with a judge who is entitled  
5 to an annual salary supplement from the state under Section 26.006,  
6 Government Code, shall collect a \$40 filing fee in each civil case  
7 filed in the court to be used for court-related purposes for the  
8 support of the judiciary as provided by Section 51.703, Government  
9 Code.

10 (e) In addition to all other fees authorized or required by  
11 other law, the clerk of a statutory probate court shall collect a  
12 \$40 filing fee in each probate, guardianship, mental health, or  
13 civil case filed in the court to be used for court-related purposes  
14 for the support of the judiciary.

15 Sec. 133.1512. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING CIVIL SUIT  
16 IN JUSTICE COURT. The clerk of a justice court shall collect the  
17 following fees on the filing of any civil action or proceeding  
18 requiring a filing fee and on the filing of any counterclaim,  
19 cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action  
20 requiring a filing fee:

- 21 (1) \$6 to be used as provided by Section 133.153;  
22 (2) \$10 to be used as provided by Section 51.851(c),  
23 Government Code; and  
24 (3) \$5 to be used as provided by Section 51.971,  
25 Government Code.

26 SECTION 38. Sections 133.152(b) and (c), Local Government  
27 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (b) The fees under Section 133.151(a)(2) [~~this section~~]  
2 shall be collected and remitted to the comptroller in the manner  
3 provided by Subchapter B.

4 (c) The comptroller shall deposit the fees received under  
5 Section 133.151(a)(2) to the credit of the basic civil legal  
6 services account of the judicial fund for use in programs approved  
7 by the supreme court that provide basic civil legal services to an  
8 indigent.

9 SECTION 39. Sections 133.153(b) and (c), Local Government  
10 Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (b) The fees under Section 133.151(a)(3) shall be collected  
12 and remitted to the comptroller in the manner provided by  
13 Subchapter B.

14 (c) The comptroller shall deposit the fees received under  
15 Section 133.151(a)(3) to the credit of the basic civil legal  
16 services account of the judicial fund for use in programs approved  
17 by the supreme court that provide basic civil legal services to an  
18 indigent.

19 SECTION 40. Section 133.154(b), Local Government Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (b) The treasurer shall remit the fees collected under  
22 Section 133.151(a)(3) or 133.1511(b) [~~this section~~] to the  
23 comptroller in the manner provided by Subchapter B. The comptroller  
24 shall deposit the fees in the judicial fund.

25 SECTION 41. The following sections are repealed:

26 (1) Section 108.006, Family Code;

27 (2) Section 51.702(a), Government Code;

- 1           (3) Section 51.703(a), Government Code;
- 2           (4) Section 51.704(a), Government Code;
- 3           (5) Section 51.851(b), Government Code;
- 4           (6) Sections 101.06111, 101.08111, 101.0813,
- 5 101.10111, 101.12121, and 101.1411, Government Code;
- 6           (7) Sections 102.042, 102.062, and 102.103,
- 7 Government Code;
- 8           (8) Section 152.0522, Human Resources Code;
- 9           (9) Section 152.1752(d), Human Resources Code;
- 10          (10) Sections 152.1874 and 152.2496, Human Resources
- 11 Code;
- 12          (11) Section 133.152(a), Local Government Code;
- 13          (12) Section 133.153(a), Local Government Code; and
- 14          (13) Section 133.154(a), Local Government Code.

15          SECTION 42. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.