House Bill 435

Senate Amendments Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.609 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.609. UNCOLLECTIBLE FEES. (a) The clerk may request the court in which a court cost or fee was imposed on a party in a civil case to make a finding that the cost or fee is uncollectible if the cost or fee has been unpaid for at least 10 years.

- (b) On a finding by a court that a court cost or fee imposed on a party in a civil case is uncollectible, the court may order the clerk to designate the cost or fee as uncollectible in the fee record. The clerk shall attach a copy of the court's order to the fee record.
- (c) This section does not apply to a court cost or fee imposed by the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, or a court of appeals.

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 Article 103.0081(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.

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

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Sec. 51.609. UNCOLLECTIBLE FEES. (a) The clerk may request the court in which a court cost or fee was imposed on a party in a civil case to make a finding that the cost or fee is uncollectible if the cost or fee has been unpaid for at least 15 years.

- (b) On a finding by a court that a court cost or fee imposed on a party in a civil case is uncollectible, the court may order the clerk to designate the cost or fee as uncollectible in the fee record. The clerk shall attach a copy of the court's order to the fee record.
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SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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CONFERENCE

19.130.191