AN ACT
relating to the consolidation and allocation of state civil court
costs; increasing certain civil court costs; authorizing fees.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
ARTICLE 1. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FILING FEES
SECTION 1.01. Section 133.004, Local Government Code, is
amended to read as follows:
Sec. 133.004. CIVIL FEES. This chapter applies to the
following civil fees:
(1) the consolidated fee [on filing in district court]
<pre>imposed under Section 133.151;</pre>
(2) [the filing fee in district court for basic civil
legal services for indigents imposed under Section 133.152;
[(3) the filing fee in courts other than district
court for basic civil legal services for indigents imposed under
Section 133.153;
[(4) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
certain statutory county courts under Section 51.702, Government
Code;
[(5) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
certain county courts under Section 51.703, Government Code;
[(6) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
statutory probate courts under Section 51.704, Government Code;
[(7)] fees collected under Section 118.015;

(3) [(8)] marriage license fees for the family trust
 fund collected under Section 118.018; and
 (4) [(0)] marriage license or declaration of informal

3 <u>(4)</u> [(9)] marriage license or declaration of informal 4 marriage fees for the child abuse and neglect prevention trust fund 5 account collected under Section 118.022[; and

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6 [(10) the filing fee for the judicial fund imposed in 7 district court, statutory courty court, and county court under 8 Section 133.154].

9 SECTION 1.02. Section 133.151, Local Government Code, is 10 amended to read as follows:

Sec. 133.151. <u>STATE</u> CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING A
CIVIL <u>CASE</u> [SUIT IN DISTRICT COURT]. (a) <u>The</u> [In addition to each
fee collected under Section 51.317(b)(1), Government Code, the]
clerk of a district court, statutory county court, statutory
probate court, or county court shall collect:

16 <u>(1) a fee in the amount of \$137</u> [the following fees] on 17 the filing of any civil, probate, guardianship, or mental health 18 case; and

19 (2) a fee in the amount of \$45 on any action other than 20 an original action subject to Subdivision (1), including an appeal 21 and any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action, 22 adverse probate action, interpleader, motion for new trial, or 23 third-party action [suit: 24 [(1) \$45 for family law cases and proceedings as

25 defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code; and

26 [(2) \$50 for any case other than a case described by
27 Subdivision (1)].

1	(a-1) The clerk of a justice court shall collect a fee in the
2	amount of \$21 on the filing of any civil case and on any action other
3	than an original action for the civil case, including an appeal and
4	any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action,
5	interpleader, motion for new trial, or third-party action.
6	(b) The fees under <u>this section</u> [Subsection (a)] shall be
7	collected and remitted either:
8	(1) directly to the treasury by the Office of Court
9	Administration of the Texas Judicial System for fees paid using the
10	electronic filing system established under Section 72.031,
11	Government Code; or
12	(2) to the comptroller in the manner provided by
13	Subchapter B for fees paid to an officer of a court.
14	(c) The comptroller shall allocate the fees received under
15	Subsection (a)(1) [this section] to the following accounts and
16	funds so that each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing
17	historical data as applicable, the same amount of money the account
18	or fund would have received if the fees for the accounts and funds
19	had been collected and reported separately, except that the account
20	or fund may not receive less than the following percentages:
21	(1) the judicial fund to be used for court-related
22	purposes for the support of the judiciary <u>59.854 percent;</u> [and]
23	(2) the basic civil legal services account of the
24	judicial fund for use in programs approved by the supreme court that
25	provide basic civil legal services to an indigent <u>14.5985 percent;</u>
26	(3) the statewide electronic filing system
27	fund 21.8978 percent; and

S.B. No. 41 1 (4) the judicial and court personnel training 2 fund 3.6497 percent. The comptroller shall allocate the fees received under 3 (d) 4 Subsection (a)(2) to the following accounts and funds so that each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as 5 applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have 6 7 received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund may not 8 receive less than the following percentages: 9 10 (1) the basic civil legal services account of the 11 judicial fund for use in programs approved by the supreme court that provide basic legal services to an indigent 22.2222 percent; 12 13 (2) the statewide electronic filing system 14 fund 66.6667 percent; and (3) the judicial and court personnel training 15 16 fund 11.1111 percent. (e) The comptroller shall allocate the fees received under 17 Subsection (a-1) to the following accounts and funds so that each 18 receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as 19 20 applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been collected 21 and reported separately, except that the account or fund may not 22 23 receive less than the following percentages: (1) the basic civil legal services account of the 24 25 judicial fund for use in programs approved by the supreme court that provide basic civil legal services to an indigent 28.5714 percent; 26 27 (2) the statewide electronic filing system

1 fund 47.6191 percent; and (3) the judicial and court personnel training 2 3 fund 23.8095 percent. SECTION 1.03. Subtitle C, Title 4, Local Government Code, 4 is amended by adding Chapter 135 to read as follows: 5 6 CHAPTER 135. CIVIL FEES PAYABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT 7 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS Sec. 135.001. PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to 8 consolidate and standardize collection of fees payable to a local 9 government in civil cases by: 10 11 (1) an officer of a court for deposit in a county treasury; or 12 13 (2) an officer of a county for deposit in the county 14 treasury. 15 Sec. 135.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: 16 "Fee" means a civil fee listed under Section (1) 17 135.003. 18 (2) "County treasurer" means the custodian of money in 19 a county treasury. Sec. 135.003. CIVIL FEES. This chapter applies to the civil 20 fees imposed under Sections 135.101, 135.102, and 135.103 on civil, 21 probate, guardianship, and mental health cases. 22 SUBCHAPTER B. COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF LOCAL CIVIL FEES 23 Sec. 135.051. COLLECTION, REMITTANCE, AND DEPOSIT OF FEES. 24 25 (a) A court clerk shall collect and remit to the county treasurer all fees in the manner provided by this section. 26 (b) An officer collecting a fee in a justice, county, or 27

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district court shall remit the money to the county treasurer for 1 2 deposit in the county treasury. (c) A court clerk collecting a fee shall remit the money to 3 4 the county treasurer for deposit in the county treasury. 5 Sec. 135.052. ALLOCATION OF DEPOSITED FEES. (a) Money collected under Subchapter C as civil fees imposed on or after 6 7 January 1, 2022, shall be allocated according to the percentages provided by Sections 135.101, 135.102, and 135.103, as applicable. 8 9 (b) Money collected under Subchapter C as civil fees before January 1, 2022, shall be distributed utilizing historical data so 10 11 that each account or fund receives the same amount of money the account or fund would have received if the fee for the accounts and 12 13 funds had been collected and reported separately. This subsection expires September 1, 2025. 14 15 SUBCHAPTER C. LOCAL CIVIL FEES 16 Sec. 135.101. LOCAL CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE FOR CERTAIN CIVIL CASES IN DISTRICT COURT, STATUTORY COUNTY COURT, OR COUNTY 17 18 COURT. (a) A person shall pay in a district court, statutory county court, or county court in addition to all other fees and 19 20 court costs a local consolidated filing fee of: (1) \$213 on filing any civil case except a probate, 21 22 guardianship, or mental health case; and 23 (2) \$35 on any action other than an original action for a case subject to Subdivision (1), including an appeal and any 24 counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action, 25 interpleader, motion for new trial, or third-party action. 26 27 (b) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received

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S.B. No. 41 under Subsection (a)(1) to the following accounts and funds so that 1 2 each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data 3 as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been 4 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund 5 may not receive less than the following percentages: 6 7 (1) the appellate judicial system fund 2.3474 8 percent; 9 (2) the court facility fee fund 9.3897 percent; the clerk of the court account 10 (3) 23.4742 percent; 11 (4) the county records management and preservation 12 account 14.0845 percent; 13 (5) the court reporter service fund 11.7371 percent; 14 (6) the county law library fund 16.4319 percent; (7) the courthouse security fund 15 9.3897 percent; (8) the language access fund 1.4085 percent; 16 4.6948 percent; and 17 (9) the county jury fund (10) the county dispute resolution fund 18 7.0423 19 percent. 20 (c) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received under Subsection (a)(2) to the following accounts and funds so that 21 each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data 22 23 as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been 24 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund 25 may not receive less than the following percentages: 26 27 (1) the clerk of the court account 42.8571 percent; and

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1	(2) the county records management and preservation
2	account 57.1429 percent.
3	Sec. 135.102. LOCAL CIVIL FEE FOR PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIP,
4	AND MENTAL HEALTH CASES IN STATUTORY COUNTY COURT, STATUTORY
5	PROBATE COURT, OR COUNTY COURT. (a) A person shall pay in a
6	statutory county court, statutory probate court, or county court in
7	addition to all other fees and court costs a fee of:
8	(1) \$223 on filing any probate, guardianship, or
9	mental health case; and
10	(2) \$75 on any action other than an original action for
11	a case subject to Subdivision (1), including an adverse probate
12	action, contest, or suit in a probate court, other than the filing
13	of a claim against an estate, in which the movant or applicant
14	filing the intervention pleading seeks any affirmative relief.
15	(b) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received
16	under Subsection (a)(1) to the following accounts and funds so that
17	each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data
18	as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would
19	have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been
20	collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
21	may not receive less than the following percentages:
22	(1) the appellate judicial system fund 2.2422
23	percent;
24	(2) the court facility fee fund 8.9686 percent;
25	(3) the clerk of the court account 17.9372 percent;
26	(4) the county records management and preservation
27	account 6.7265 percent;

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1		(5) t	he court repo	orter service f	und 11.2	108 percent;
2		(6) t	he county law	library fund	15.6	951 percent;
3		(7) t	he courthous	e security fund	a 8.9)686 percent;
4		(8) t	he language a	ccess fund	1.3	453 percent;
5		(9) t	he county jur	y fund	4.48	341 percent;
6		(10)	the county di	spute resoluti	ion fund	6.7265
7	<u>percent;</u>					
8		(11)	the court-in	itiated guardi	anship fun	d 8.9686
9	<u>percent;</u>					
10		(12)	the judicial	education and	support fu	nd 2.2422
11	percent; a	nd				
12		(13)	the public pr	obate administ	rator fund	4.4843
13	percent.					
14	(c)	The co	unty treasur	er shall alloc	cate the f	ees received
15	under Subs	ection ((a)(2) to the	following acco	ounts and f	unds so that
16	<u>each recei</u>	ves to t	he extent pr	acticable, uti	lizing his	torical data
17	<u>as applica</u>	ble, the	e same amoun	t of money the	account o	r fund would
18	have recei	ived if	the fees fo	or the account	s and fur	ıds had been
19	collected	and repo	orted separat	ely, except th	nat the acc	ount or fund
20	may not rec	ceive le	ss than the f	ollowing perce	ntages:	
21		(1) t	he clerk of t	he court accou	nt 53.3	333 percent;
22		(2) t	he county r	ecords manage	ment and	preservation
23	account				6.6	667 percent;
24		(3) t	he court-ini	tiated guardia:	nship fund	26.6667
25	percent; a	nd				
26		(4) t	he public pro	bate administr	ator fund	13.3333
27	percent.					

Sec. 135.103. LOCAL CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE FOR JUSTICE COURT. (a) In addition to all other fees and court costs, a person shall pay a local consolidated filing fee of \$33 on filing of any civil case in a justice court and on any action other than an original action for a civil case, including an appeal and any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action, interpleader, motion for new trial, or third-party action.

8 (b) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received 9 under this section to the following accounts and funds so that each 10 receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as 11 applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have 12 received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been collected 13 and reported separately, except that the account or fund may not 14 receive less than the following percentages:

(1) the justice court support fund 75.7576 percent; 15 16 the county dispute resolution fund (2) 15.1515 17 percent; and 18 (3) the language access fund 9.0909 percent. SUBCHAPTER D. ALLOCATION AND USE OF CERTAIN CIVIL FEES 19 20 Sec. 135.151. MAINTENANCE OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS. (a) A county treasurer shall maintain in the county treasury a fund or 21 account to which money is allocated under Section 135.101, 135.102, 22 23 or 135.103, to the extent that the fund or account is not required

24 by other law. Money in an account maintained under this section may 25 be used only for the purposes provided by this subchapter.

26 (b) An account or fund maintained under this section in a 27 county treasury may be administered by or at the direction of the

1 county commissioners court. 2 Sec. 135.152. COURT FACILITY FEE FUND. Money allocated under Section 135.101 or 135.102 to the court facility fee fund 3 4 maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by a county only to fund the construction, renovation, 5 or improvement of facilities that house the courts or to pay the 6 7 principal of, interest on, and costs of issuance of bonds, including refunding bonds, issued for the construction, 8 9 renovation, or improvement of the facilities.

Sec. 135.153. CLERK OF THE COURT ACCOUNT. Money allocated under Section 135.101 or 135.102 to the clerk of the court account maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by a county only to defray costs of services provided by a county or district clerk.

15 Sec. 135.154. COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION 16 ACCOUNT. Money allocated under Section 135.101 or 135.102 to the county records management and preservation account maintained in 17 the county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by a 18 county only to fund records management and preservation services, 19 including automation, performed by the court clerk on approval by 20 the commissioners court of a budget as provided by Chapter 111. An 21 expenditure from the fund must comply with Subchapter C, Chapter 22 23 262.

24 <u>Sec. 135.155. LANGUAGE ACCESS FUND. Money allocated under</u> 25 <u>Section 135.101, 135.102, or 135.103 to the language access fund</u> 26 <u>maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151</u> 27 <u>may be used by a county only to provide language access services for</u>

1 individuals appearing before the court or receiving court services.
2 Sec. 135.156. COUNTY JURY FUND. Money allocated under
3 Section 135.101 or 135.102 to the county jury fund maintained in the
4 county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by a
5 county only to fund juror reimbursements and otherwise finance jury
6 services.

7 Sec. 135.157. COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND. (a) Money allocated under Section 135.101, 135.102, or 135.103 to the county 8 dispute resolution fund maintained in the county treasury as 9 required by Section 135.151 may be used by a county only to 10 11 establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system in accordance with Chapter 152, Civil Practice and Remedies Code. The 12 13 fund shall be administered by the commissioners court and may be used by the county only to establish and maintain the system. The 14 system shall be operated at one or more convenient and accessible 15 places in the county. 16

17 (b) If a county has not established an alternative dispute 18 resolution system under Chapter 152, Civil Practice and Remedies 19 Code, the money allocated under Subsection (a) shall be remitted to 20 the comptroller and the comptroller shall allocate the money to the 21 statewide electronic filing system fund.

Sec. 135.158. COURT-INITIATED GUARDIANSHIP FUND. Money allocated under Section 135.102 to the court-initiated guardianship fund maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by a county only to supplement other available funds to: (1) pay the compensation of a guardian ad litem

1 <u>appointed by a court under Section 1102.001, Estates Code;</u>
2 (2) pay the compensation of an attorney ad litem
3 <u>appointed by a court to represent a proposed ward in a guardianship</u>
4 <u>proceeding initiated under Chapter 1102, Estates Code; and</u>

5 (3) fund local guardianship programs that provide 6 guardians for indigent incapacitated persons who do not have family 7 members suitable and willing to serve as guardians.

8 <u>Sec. 135.159. JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FUND. Money</u> 9 <u>allocated under Section 135.102 to the judicial education and</u> 10 <u>support fund maintained in the county treasury as required by</u> 11 <u>Section 135.151 may be used by a county only to pay:</u>

12 (1) the continuing education of the judge and staff of 13 the probate court, including the payment of travel and related 14 expenses in attending a continuing judicial education activity of 15 an organization accredited by the supreme court for continuing 16 judicial education; or

17 (2) the county's contribution to fund the compensation 18 required by Section 25.0022, Government Code, for the presiding 19 judge of the statutory probate court.

20 Sec. 135.160. PUBLIC PROBATE ADMINISTRATOR FUND. Money allocated under Section 135.102 to the public probate administrator 21 fund maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 22 23 135.151 may be used by a county only to support the office of public 24 probate administrator established under Chapter 455, Estates Code. A county that does not appoint a public probate administrator 25 subject to Chapter 455, Estates Code, shall deposit the money to the 26 27 court-initiated guardianship fund.

1	Sec. 135.161. JUSTICE COURT SUPPORT FUND. Money allocated
2	under Section 135.103 to the justice court support fund maintained
3	in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by
4	a county only to defray the costs of services provided by a justice
5	<u>court.</u>
6	ARTICLE 2. GOVERNMENT CODE
7	SECTION 2.01. Subchapter C, Chapter 22, Government Code, is
8	amended by adding Section 22.229 to read as follows:
9	Sec. 22.229. APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM FUND. (a) An
10	appellate judicial system fund is established for each court of
11	appeals to:
12	(1) assist the court of appeals in the processing of
13	appeals filed with the court of appeals from the county courts,
14	statutory county courts, statutory probate courts, and district
15	courts in the counties the court of appeals serves; and
16	(2) defray costs and expenses incurred in the
17	operation of the court of appeals.
18	(b) To fund the appellate judicial system each county
19	treasurer shall allocate to the fund the percentage of the local
20	consolidated filing fee provided by Section 135.101(b)(1) or
21	135.102(b)(1), Local Government Code.
22	(c) The fee required under Subsection (b)(2) shall be taxed,
23	collected, and paid as other court costs in a suit. The clerk of the
24	court shall collect the fee and pay it to the county treasurer.
25	(d) The county treasurer shall monthly forward the money
26	collected under this section to the clerk of the court of appeals
27	serving the county for deposit in the appellate judicial system

fund. The court of appeals may spend money in the fund for the 1 2 purposes described by Subsection (a). Money in the fund may not be 3 used for any other purpose. 4 (e) The chief justice of each court of appeals is responsible for the management of all money deposited in the 5 appellate judicial system fund for the chief justice's court of 6 7 appeals and has sole discretion on use of the money in the fund, except that the money must be used for purposes consistent with the 8 purposes described by Subsection (a) for which the fund was 9 established. 10 11 SECTION 2.02. Section 25.00211(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 12 13 (a) Beginning on the first day of the state fiscal year, the state shall annually compensate each county [that collects the 14 additional fees under Section 51.704] in an amount equal to \$40,000 15 for each statutory probate court judge in the county. 16 SECTION 2.03. Section 25.00212(a), Government Code, 17 is amended to read as follows: 18 At the end of each state fiscal year, the comptroller 19 (a) 20 shall determine the amounts deposited in the judicial fund by statutory probate courts [under Section 51.704] and the sum of the 21 amount paid under Section 25.0022(e) and the total amounts paid to 22 the counties under Section 25.00211. If the total amount deposited 23 in the judicial fund [under Section 51.704] by statutory probate

courts in all counties exceeds that sum, the state shall remit the 25 excess proportionately to each county that deposited a greater 26 amount in the judicial fund by statutory probate court [under 27

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Section 51.704] than the amount the county was paid under Section 2 25.00211, as adjusted in an equitable manner to reflect the 3 differences in the total amounts paid to the counties under Section 4 25.00211.

5 SECTION 2.04. Section 25.00213(a), Government Code, is 6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A contributions fund is created in the county treasury
8 of each county that <u>receives funds under Section 25.00212</u> [collects
9 the additional fees under Section 51.704].

10 SECTION 2.05. Section 25.0022(e), Government Code, is 11 amended to read as follows:

(e) In addition to all other compensation, expenses, and 12 13 perquisites authorized by law, the presiding judge shall be paid for performing the duties of a presiding judge an annual salary 14 equal to the maximum salary authorized by Section 74.051(b) for a 15 16 presiding judge of an administrative judicial region. The presiding judge is entitled to receive reasonable expenses incurred 17 in administering those duties. The state shall pay \$5,000 of the 18 salary in equal monthly installments from amounts deposited in the 19 20 judicial fund [under Section 51.704] and appropriated for that 21 purpose, and the remainder of the salary and expenses is paid by the counties that have statutory probate courts, apportioned according 22 to the number of statutory probate courts in the county. 23

24 SECTION 2.06. Section 25.0172(u), Government Code, is 25 amended to read as follows:

26 (u) The official court reporter of a county court at law is 27 entitled to receive an annual salary set by the judge and approved

1 by the commissioners court at an amount not less than \$35,256. [The official court reporter's fee shall be taxed as costs in civil 2 actions in County Courts at Law Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 3 4 13, 14, and 15 in the same manner as that fee is taxed in district court. In County Court at Law No. 2, the clerk collects the 5 6 official court reporters' fee of \$3 and pays it into the county 7 treasury in the same manner as district clerks are required 8 collect and pay costs.]

9 SECTION 2.07. Section 25.0595(j), Government Code, is 10 amended to read as follows:

11 (j) In addition to the uses authorized by Section 135.159 [118.064(b)], Local Government Code, fees collected under Section 12 135.102 [118.052(2)(A)(vi)], Local Government Code, and deposited 13 into the judicial education and support fund may be used by Dallas 14 County for providing staff for the statutory probate courts and for 15 16 court-related purposes for the support of the statutory probate courts. [In determining if the fee produces more revenue than 17 required as provided by Section 118.064(c), Local Government Code, 18 the commissioners court shall include the uses authorized by this 19 20 subsection.]

21 SECTION 2.08. Section 25.1102(f), Government Code, is 22 amended to read as follows:

(f) The official court reporter of a county court at law is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge of the county court at law as provided by law for district court reporters. The salary shall be paid monthly by the commissioners court out of funds available for that purpose. [The clerk of the court shall tax as

1 costs in each civil, criminal, or probate case in which a record, or 2 any part of a record, is made of the evidence a stenographer's fee 3 of \$20. The clerk collects the fees and pays them in to the county's 4 general fund.]

5 SECTION 2.09. Section 25.1572(h), Government Code, is 6 amended to read as follows:

(h) An official court reporter is not required to take 7 testimony in a case unless the judge or a party demands that 8 9 testimony be taken. [In civil and probate cases in which the court reporter is required to take testimony, the clerk shall assess a \$3 10 fee as costs in the case. The clerk shall collect the fee and 11 deposit it in the county treasury.] The court reporter shall be 12 13 available for matters being considered in the county court if the parties before the court request a court reporter and the request is 14 15 approved by the judge of a county court at law.

16 SECTION 2.10. Section 25.2702(d), Government Code, is 17 amended to read as follows:

18 (d) The judge of the county court at law shall appoint an official court reporter. The judge may appoint a court 19 administrator to aid the judge in the performance of the judge's 20 duties. The official court reporter and the court administrator of 21 the county court at law are entitled to receive a salary set by the 22 commissioners courts in the counties the reporter or administrator 23 24 serves to be paid out of the county treasuries, either by salary or by contract as set by the commissioners courts. [The clerk of the 25 court shall tax as costs, in each civil and probate case in which a 26 27 record of any part of the evidence in the case is made by the

reporter, a stenographer's fee of \$25. The fee shall be paid in the 1 same manner as other costs in the case. The clerk collects the fee 2 and pays it into the general funds of the counties.] 3

4 SECTION 2.11. Section 51.302(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 5

(e) The commissioners court may establish a contingency 6 7 fund to provide the coverage required by Subsection (c) or (d) if it is determined by the district clerk that insurance coverage is 8 9 unavailable at a reasonable cost. [The commissioners court may set an additional filing fee in an amount not to exceed \$5 for each suit 10 11 filed to be collected by the district clerk. The fee shall be paid into the fund. When the contingency fund reaches an amount equal to 12 that required by Subsection (c) or (d), the clerk shall stop 13 collecting the additional fee.] 14

15 SECTION 2.12. Sections 51.318(a) and (b), Government Code, 16 are amended to read as follows:

17 The [In addition to a fee under Section 51.317 the] (a) district clerk shall collect at the time the service is performed or 18 at the time the service is requested the fees provided by Subsection 19 20 (b) for services performed by the clerk.

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(b) The fees are:

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for issuing a subpoena, including one copy . . . \$8 (1)for issuing a citation, commission for deposition, 23 (2) writ of execution, order of sale, writ of execution and order of 24 sale, writ of injunction, writ of garnishment, writ of attachment, 25 or writ of sequestration [not provided for in Section 51.317], or 26 27 any other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one

S.B. No. 41 1 copy if required by law \$8 (3) for searching files or records to locate a cause 2 when the docket number is not provided or [-.... 3 **. \$**5 [(4) for searching files or records] to ascertain the 4 existence of an instrument or record in the district clerk's 5 6 7 (4) [(5)] for abstracting a judgment \$8 (5) for preparation of the clerk's record on appeal, 8 for each page or part of a page \$1 9 for approving a bond\$5 [\$4] 10 (6) 11 (7) for a certified copy of a record, judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the district clerk's 12 13 office, printed on paper: including certificate and seal \$5; and 14 (A) 15 (B) $[\tau]$ for each page or part of a page . [not to16 exceed] \$1 (8) for a noncertified copy: 17 (A) printed on paper, for each page or part of a 18 19 page 20 (B) that is a paper document converted to electronic format, for each page or part of a page \$1; or 21 22 (C) that is an electronic copy of an electronic document: 23 (i) for each document up to 10 pages in 24 25 (ii) for each page or part of a page over 10 26 27

SECTION 2.13. The heading to Section 51.601, Government
 Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.601. COURT REPORTER SERVICE FUND [FEE].

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4 SECTION 2.14. Section 51.607, Government Code, is amended 5 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as 6 follows:

7 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d) and 8 notwithstanding [Notwithstanding] the effective date of the law 9 imposing or changing the amount of a court cost or fee included on 10 the list, the imposition or change in the amount of the court cost 11 or fee does not take effect until the next January 1 after the law 12 takes effect.

13 (d) Subsection (c) does not apply to a court cost or fee if 14 the law imposing or changing the amount of the cost or fee takes 15 effect on or after the January 1 following the regular session of 16 the legislature at which the law was enacted.

17 SECTION 2.15. Section 51.851(b), Government Code, is 18 amended to read as follows:

In addition to other fees authorized or required by law, 19 (b) 20 the clerk of the supreme court $\underline{or}[\tau]$ a court of appeals [τ a district 21 court, a county court, a statutory county court, or a statutory probate court] shall collect a \$30 fee on the filing of any civil 22 action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, 23 and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, 24 interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee to be 25 used as provided by Section 51.852. 26

27 SECTION 2.16. Section 411.0745(b), Government Code, is

amended to read as follows: 1 2 (b) The petition must be accompanied by payment of a [\$28 fee to the clerk of the court in addition to any other] fee that 3 4 generally applies to the filing of a civil <u>case</u> [petition]. 5 SECTION 2.17. The heading to Section 411.077, Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 6 7 Sec. 411.077. [DISPOSITION OF FEE;] DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT. 8 ARTICLE 3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 9 10 SECTION 3.01. Section 82.003(c), Local Government Code, is 11 amended to read as follows: (c) The commissioners court may establish a contingency 12 13 fund to provide the coverage required by this section if it is determined by the county clerk that insurance coverage 14 is 15 unavailable at a reasonable cost. [The commissioners court may set 16 an additional filing fee in an amount not to exceed \$5 for each suit filed to be collected by the county clerk. The fee shall be paid 17 into the fund. When the contingency fund reaches an amount equal to 18 that required by this section, the clerk shall stop collecting the 19 20 additional fee.] SECTION 3.02. Sections 21 118.051 and 118.052, Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows: 22 Sec. 118.051. CLERICAL DUTIES. The [Except as provided by 23 Section 118.067, the] fees listed in this subchapter for county 24 25 civil court dockets under Section 118.052(1) and county probate court dockets under Section 118.052(2) are fees for all clerical 26 27 duties performed in connection with the docket, including:

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1 filing, registering or recording, docketing, and (1) 2 taxing costs for an application, will, complaint, petition, return, document, or proceeding; 3

issuing and recording the return of a citation, 4 (2) notice, subpoena, commission to take depositions, execution while 5 the docket is still open (civil docket), garnishment before 6 7 judgment (civil docket), order, writ, process, or any other document authorized or required to be issued by the clerk on which a 8 return must be recorded; 9

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(3) attendances in court as clerk of the court;

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(4) impaneling a jury (civil docket);

12 (5) swearing witnesses;

approving bonds involved in court action; and 13 (6)

administering oaths. 14 (7)

15 Sec. 118.052. FEE SCHEDULE. Each clerk of a county court shall collect the following fees for services rendered to any 16 17 person:

CIVIL COURT ACTIONS 18 (1) Filing of [Original Action (Sec. 118.053): (A) 19 20 [(i)] Garnishment after judgment . . . \$15.00 21 22 [(ii) All others . . . \$40.00] [Filing of Action Other than Origi 23 (B) \$30.00 24 118.054) 25 [(C)] Services Rendered After Judgment Original Action (Sec. 118.0545): 26 27 (i) Abstract of judgment . . . \$ 8.00

[5.00] 1 2 (ii) Execution, order of sale, writ, or other process . . . \$ <u>8.00</u> [5.00] 3 (2) PROBATE COURT ACTIONS 4 5 [Probate Original Action (Sec. 118.055): (A) [(i) Probate of a will with independent 6 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an 7 estate, quardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of 8 9 title . . \$40.00 [(ii) Community survivors . . . \$40.00 10 [(iii) Small estates . . . \$40.00 11 12 [(iv) Declarations of heirship . . . \$40.00 13 [(v) Mental health or chemical dependency 14 \$40.00 15 [(vi) Additional, <u>special</u> fee (Sec. 16 118 064 5.00 17 [(B)] Services in Pending Probate Action (Sec. 18 118.056): 19 (i) Filing an inventory and appraisement as provided by Section 118.056(d) . . . \$25.00 20 21 (ii) Approving and recording bond . . . \$ 5.00 [3.00] 22 (iii) Administering oath . . \$ 2.00 23 24 (iv) Filing annual or final account of 25 estate . . . \$25.00 26 (v) Filing application for sale of real or 27 personal property . . . \$25.00

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S.B. No. 41 1 (vi) Filing annual or final report of 2 guardian of a person . . . \$10.00 (vii) Filing a document not listed under 3 4 this paragraph after the filing of an order approving the inventory and appraisement or after the 120th day after the date of the 5 initial filing of the action, whichever occurs first, if more than 6 7 25 pages . . . \$25.00 (B) [(C) Adverse Probate Action (Sec. 118.057) 8 9 \$40.00 10 [(D)] Claim Against Estate (Sec. 118.058) . . . 11 \$10.00 12 [(E) Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship 13 Fee in Probate Original Actions and Adverse Probate Actions (Sec. <u>118.067</u>) . . . \$20.00 14 15 [(F) Supplemental Public Probate Administrator 16 Fee For Counties That Have Appointed a Public Probate Administrator (Sec. 118.068) . . . \$10.00] 17 (3) OTHER FEES 18 Issuing Document (Sec. 118.059): 19 (A) 20 original document and one copy . . . \$ 8.00 [4.00] each additional set of an original and one copy . . . \$ $\frac{8.00}{100}$ 21 [4.00]22 Certified Papers (Sec. 118.060): 23 (B) for the clerk's certificate . . . \$ 5.00 24 plus a fee per page or part of a page of . . . \$ 1.00 25 (C) Noncertified Papers (Sec. 118.0605): 26 27 printed on paper, for each page or part of a page . . . \$ 1.00

S.B. No. 41 1 paper converted to electronic format, for each page or part 2 of a page . . . \$ 1.00 electronic copy of an electronic document: 3 4 (i) for each document up to 10 pages in <u>length</u> . . . <u>\$</u> 1.00; and 5 6 (ii) for each page or part of a page over 10 7 pages . . . \$ 0.10 (D) Letters Testamentary, Letter 8 of 9 Guardianship, Letter of Administration, or Abstract of Judgment (Sec. 118.061) . . . \$ 2.00 10 11 (E) Deposit and Safekeeping of Wills (Sec. 118.062) . . . \$ 5.00 12 13 (F) Mail Service of Process (Sec. 118.063) . . . 14 same as sheriff 15 (G) Searching files or records to locate a cause 16 when the docket number is not provided [Records Management and Preservation Fee] . . . \$ 5.00 17 18 (H) Records Technology and Infrastructure Fee if authorized by the commissioners court of the county (Sec. 118.026) 19 . . \$ 2.00 20 (I) Preparation of the clerk's record for appeal, 21 per page or part of a page . . . \$1.00 22 SECTION 3.03. Section 118.0545, Local Government Code, is 23 24 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (e) to 25 read as follows: 26 (b-1) The fee for "Preparation of the clerk's record for 27 appeal" under Section 118.052(1) is for preparation of the clerk's

1 record for appeal.

(e) In this section, "original action" <u>includes an appeal</u>
<u>from a justice of the peace or a corporation court and a transfer of</u>
<u>an action from another jurisdiction</u> [has the meaning assigned by
<u>Section 118.053</u>].

6 SECTION 3.04. Section 118.056(c), Local Government Code, as 7 amended by Chapter 66, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular 8 Session, 1999, is amended to read as follows:

9 (c) Each fee shall be paid [in cash] at the time of the 10 filing or the rendering of the service and is in addition to other 11 fees prescribed by Section 118.052.

SECTION 3.05. Section 118.059(c), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 (c) In this section, "document" includes a <u>subpoena</u>, 15 citation, notice, commission to take depositions, execution, 16 order, writ, process, or other instrument or paper authorized or 17 required to be issued by the clerk.

SECTION 3.06. Subchapter C, Chapter 118, Local Government Ocde, is amended by adding Section 118.070 to read as follows:

20 <u>Sec. 118.070. FEE FOR SEARCH OF RECORDS. The clerk of a</u> 21 <u>county court may collect a fee for searching files or records to</u> 22 <u>locate a cause when the docket number is not provided.</u>

23 SECTION 3.07. Section 118.101, Local Government Code, is 24 amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 118.101. FEE SCHEDULE. The county judge shall collect 26 the following fees in probate matters:

S.B. No. 41 1 letters testamentary, letter (2) Granting of 2 guardianship, or letter of administration\$2.00 3 (3) Order of sale\$2.00 4 (4) Approval and confirmation of sale \$2.00 (5) Decree refusing order of sale or confirmation of 5 6 7 (6) Decree of partition and distribution \$2.00 Decree approving or setting aside the report of a 8 (7)9 10 (8) Decree removing an executor, administrator or 11 guardian (with the fee to be paid by that executor, administrator, or guardian) \$1.00 12 Fiat or certificate\$2.00 13 (9) 14 15 (11)Orders for which another fee is not prescribed . . 16 \$2.00 17 (12) Administering oath or affirmation with certificate and seal 18 (13) Administering oath or affirmation 19 without 20 certificate and seal [(14) Records technology and infrastructure, if 21 22 authorized by the commissioners court of the county \$2.00] SECTION 3.08. Section 118.121, Local Government Code, is 23 amended to read as follows: 24 25 Sec. 118.121. FEE SCHEDULE. A justice of the peace shall collect the following fees for services rendered [to any person: 26 27 [(1) Services rendered before judgment (Sec.

1 118.1222 (A) Justice court \$25.00 [(B) Small claims court. \$25.00 3 4 [(2)]Services <u>rendered</u>] after judgment (Sec. 118.123): 5 6 7 (3) [(C)] Execution, order of sale, writ 8 of restitution, or other writ or process\$5.00 per page 9 10 Certified copy of court papers . . \$2.00 for 11 first page \$0.25 for each additional page 12 13 Issuing other document (no return required) \$1.00 for 14 first page 15 16 \$0.25 for each additional page SECTION 3.09. Section 133.051, Local Government Code, is 17 amended to read as follows: 18 Sec. 133.051. COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF FEES. 19 (a) Α 20 municipality or county shall collect, record, account for, and remit to the comptroller all fees in the manner provided by this 21 subchapter, except fees paid under Section 133.151 using the 22 electronic filing system established under Section 72.031, 23 Government Code. 24 25 (b) Fees paid under Section 133.151 using the electronic filing system established under Section 72.031, Government Code, 26 27 shall be remitted directly to the treasury by the Office of Court

S.B. No. 41 Administration of the Texas Judicial System for disbursement and 1 2 deposit as provided by that section. SECTION 3.10. Section 133.055(a), Local Government Code, is 3 4 amended to read as follows: 5 (a) For fees paid to an officer of a court and not using the electronic filing system established under Section 72.031, 6 7 Government Code, on [On] or before the last day of the month following each calendar quarter, the treasurer shall: 8 9 (1) remit to the comptroller the money from all fees collected during the preceding quarter, except as provided by 10 11 Section 133.058; and (2) submit to the comptroller the report required 12 under Section 133.056 for criminal fees and Section 133.057 for 13 civil fees. 14 15 SECTION 3.11. Section 133.058(d), Local Government Code, is 16 amended to read as follows: (d) A county may not retain a service fee on the collection 17 of a fee or fine: 18 (1) for the judicial fund; 19 (2) under Article 42A.303 or 42A.653, Code of Criminal 20 21 Procedure; 22 (3) under Section 51.851, Government Code; or for any state consolidated filing fee under 23 (4)Section 133.151 [51.971, Government Code]. 24 25 SECTION 3.12. Section 203.003, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 26 Sec. 203.003. DUTIES 27 OF COMMISSIONERS COURT. The

1 commissioners court of each county shall:

2 (1) promote and support the efficient and economical 3 management of records of all elective offices in the county to 4 enable elected county officers to conform to this subtitle and 5 rules adopted under it;

6 (2) facilitate the creation and maintenance of records 7 containing adequate and proper documentation of the organization, policies, decisions, procedures, and 8 functions, essential 9 transactions of each elective office and designed to furnish the information necessary to protect the legal and financial rights of 10 the local government, the state, and the persons affected by the 11 activities of the local government; 12

13 (3) facilitate the identification and preservation of14 the records of elective offices that are of permanent value;

15 (4) facilitate the identification and protection of 16 the essential records of elective offices;

(5) establish a county clerk records management and preservation fund for fees subject to Section 118.0216 and approve in advance any expenditures from the fund; and

(6) establish a records management and preservation
<u>account</u> [fund] for the records management and preservation fees
authorized under Sections [118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645]
<u>135.101 and 135.102</u>, [and Section 51.317, Government Code,] and
approve in advance any expenditures from the fund, which may be
spent only for records management preservation or automation
purposes in the county.

27 SECTION 3.13. The heading to Section 291.008, Local

1 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 291.008. <u>DOCUMENT FILING</u> FEE [FOR SECURITY].

3 SECTION 3.14. Section 291.008(d), Local Government Code, is 4 amended to read as follows:

5 (d) <u>The</u> [If a commissioners court sets a security fee under 6 <u>Subsection (a) of this section, the</u>] county and district clerks 7 shall collect a fee of \$1 for filing any document not subject to <u>a</u> 8 <u>filing fee under Section 118.052(2), 135.101, or 135.102</u> [the 9 <u>security fee</u>]. The county is not liable for the costs. The county 10 or district clerk, as appropriate, shall collect this fee.

SECTION 3.15. Sections 323.023(a) and (b), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) <u>The</u> [A sum set by the] commissioners court [not to
exceed \$35] shall establish a county law library fund [be taxed,
collected, and paid as other costs in each civil case filed in a
county or district court, except suits for delinquent taxes. The
county is not liable for the costs].

18 (b) The [clerks of the respective courts shall collect the 19 costs and pay them to the county treasurer, or to any other official 20 who discharges the duties commonly delegated to the county 21 treasurer, for deposit in a fund to be known as the] county law 22 library fund[. The fund] may be used only for:

(1) establishing the law library after the entry ofthe order creating it;

(2) purchasing or leasing library materials,
maintaining the library, or acquiring furniture, shelving, or
equipment for the library;

1 (3) purchasing or leasing library materials or 2 acquiring library equipment, including computers, software, and 3 subscriptions to obtain access to electronic research networks for 4 use by judges in the county; or

5 (4) establishing and maintaining a self-help center to 6 provide resources to county residents representing themselves in 7 legal matters.

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ARTICLE 4. OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

9 SECTION 4.01. Section 12.005(a), Civil Practice and 10 Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The fee for filing an action under this chapter is the fee that generally applies to the filing of a civil case [\$15. The 12 plaintiff must pay the fee to the clerk of the court in which the 13 action is filed. Except as provided by Subsection (b), the 14 plaintiff may not be assessed any other fee, cost, charge, 15 or 16 expense by the clerk of the court or other public official <u>in</u> connection with the action]. 17

18 SECTION 4.02. Article 102.017(a), Code of Criminal 19 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The courthouse security fund is a fund in the county
treasury, and the municipal court building security fund is a fund
in the municipal treasury. The funds consist of money allocated to
the funds under Sections 134.101, 134.102, [and] 134.103, <u>135.101</u>,
and <u>135.102</u>, Local Government Code.

25 SECTION 4.03. Section 54.041(a), Family Code, is amended to 26 read as follows:

27 (a) When a child has been found to have engaged in

delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and the juvenile court has made a finding that the child is in need of rehabilitation or that the protection of the public or the child requires that disposition be made, the juvenile court, on notice by any reasonable method to all persons affected, may:

6 (1) order any person found by the juvenile court to 7 have, by a wilful act or omission, contributed to, caused, or 8 encouraged the child's delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a 9 need for supervision to do any act that the juvenile court 10 determines to be reasonable and necessary for the welfare of the 11 child or to refrain from doing any act that the juvenile court 12 determines to be injurious to the welfare of the child;

13 (2) enjoin all contact between the child and a person 14 who is found to be a contributing cause of the child's delinquent 15 conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision; or

16 (3) after notice and a hearing of all persons affected 17 order any person living in the same household with the child to 18 participate in social or psychological counseling to assist in the 19 rehabilitation of the child and to strengthen the child's family 20 environment[; or

[(4) after notice and a hearing of all persons affected order the child's parent or other person responsible for the child's support to pay all or part of the reasonable costs of treatment programs in which the child is required to participate during the period of probation if the court finds the child's parent or person responsible for the child's support is able to pay the costs].

1 SECTION 4.04. Section 61.002(a), Family Code, is amended to 2 read as follows: (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), this chapter 3 4 applies to a proceeding to enter a juvenile court order: 5 (1)for payment of probation fees under Section 54.061; 6 7 (2) for restitution under Sections 54.041(b) and 54.048; 8 9 (3) [for payment of graffiti eradication fees under Section 54.0461; 10 11 [(4)] for community service under Section 54.044(b); (4) [(5) for payment of costs of court under Section 12 13 54.0411 or other provisions of law; [(6)] requiring the person to refrain from doing any 14 injurious to the welfare of the child under Section 15 act 16 54.041(a)(1); (5) $\left[\frac{(7)}{(7)}\right]$ enjoining contact between the person and the 17 child who is the subject of a proceeding under 18 Section 54.041(a)(2); 19 20 (6) [(8)] ordering a person living in the same household with the child to participate in counseling under Section 21 54.041(a)(3); 22 (7) [(9)] requiring a parent or other eligible person 23 to pay reasonable attorney's fees for representing the child under 24 25 Section 51.10(e); (8) [(10)] requiring the parent or other eligible 26 27 person to reimburse the county for payments the county has made to

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1 an attorney appointed to represent the child under Section
2 51.10(j);

3 (9) [(11)] requiring payment of deferred prosecution
4 supervision fees under Section 53.03(d);

5 (10) [(12)] requiring a parent or other eligible
6 person to attend a court hearing under Section 51.115;

7 <u>(11)</u> [(13)] requiring a parent or other eligible 8 person to act or refrain from acting to aid the child in complying 9 with conditions of release from detention under Section 54.01(r);

10 (12) [(14)] requiring a parent or other eligible 11 person to act or refrain from acting under any law imposing an 12 obligation of action or omission on a parent or other eligible 13 person because of the parent's or person's relation to the child who 14 is the subject of a proceeding under this title;

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[(15) for payment of fees under Section 54.0462;] or

16 <u>(13)</u> [(16)] for payment of the cost of attending an 17 educational program under Section 54.0404.

18 SECTION 4.05. Section 231.202, Family Code, is amended to 19 read as follows:

Sec. 231.202. AUTHORIZED COSTS AND FEES IN TITLE IV-D CASES. In a Title IV-D case filed under this title, including a case filed under Chapter 159, the Title IV-D agency shall pay only the following costs and fees:

(1) filing fees and fees for issuance and service of process as provided by Chapter 110 of this code and by Sections [51.317(b)(1), (2), and (3) and (b-1), 51.318(b)(2)[, and 51.319(2), Government Code;

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(2) fees for transfer as provided by Chapter 110;

2 (3) fees for the issuance and delivery of orders and
3 writs of income withholding in the amounts provided by Chapter 110;

4 (4) the fee for services provided by sheriffs and 5 constables, including:

(A) a fee authorized under Section 118.131, Local
7 Government Code, for serving each item of process to each
8 individual on whom service is required, including service by
9 certified or registered mail; and

10 (B) a fee authorized under Section 157.103(b) for
11 serving a capias;

12 (5) the fee for filing an administrative writ of
13 withholding under Section 158.503(d); <u>and</u>

14 (6) the fee for issuance of a subpoena as provided by
15 Section 51.318(b)(1), Government Code[; and

16 [(7) a fee authorized by Section 72.031, Government 17 Code, for the electronic filing of documents with a clerk].

SECTION 4.06. Section 571.018(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county responsible for the costs of a hearing or proceeding under Subsection (a) shall pay the costs of all subsequent hearings or proceedings for that person under this subtitle until the person is discharged from mental health services. [The county may not pay the costs from any fees collected under Section 51.704, Government Code.] The costs shall be billed by the clerk of the court conducting the hearings.

27 SECTION 4.07. Section 40.062, Human Resources Code, is

amended to read as follows: 1 Sec. 40.062. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN COSTS AND FEES. 2 The department is not required to pay any cost or fee otherwise imposed 3 4 for court proceedings or other services, including a: 5 (1) filing fee or fee for issuance or service of process imposed by Section 110.002, Family Code, or by Section 6 7 [51.317, 51.318(b)(2), or] 51.319, Government Code; (2) transfer fee imposed by Section 110.002 8 or 110.005, Family Code; 9 10 (3) [court reporter fee imposed by Section 51.601, 11 Government Code; [(4) judicial fund fee imposed by Section 12 51.702 13 Government Code; judge's fee imposed by Section 25.0008 or 14 [(5)] 15 25.0029, Government Code; 16 (4) [(6)] cost or security fee imposed by Section 17 53.051, 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or 18 (5) [(7)] fee imposed by a county officer under Section 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code. 19 20 SECTION 4.08. Section 161.107(b), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows: 21 22 (b) The department is not required to pay any cost or fee 23 otherwise imposed for court proceedings or other services, 24 including: 25 (1)a filing fee or fee for issuance of service of process imposed by Section [51.317, 51.318(b)(2), or] 51.319, 26 27 Government Code;

S.B. No. 41 1 (2) [a court reporter service fee imposed by Section 2 51.601, Government Code; [(3) a judicial fund fee imposed by Section 51 3 4 Government Code; 5 [(4)] a judge's fee imposed by Section 25.0008 or 25.0029, Government Code; 6 7 (3) [(5)] a cost or security fee imposed by Section 53.051, 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or 8 9 (4) [(6)] a fee imposed by a county officer under Section 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code. 10 11 SECTION 4.09. Section 21.013(c), Property Code, is amended to read as follows: 12 (c) A party initiating a condemnation proceeding in a county 13 in which there is not a county court at law must file the 14 15 condemnation petition with the district clerk. The filing fee shall be due at the time of filing [in accordance with Section 16 17 51.317, Government Code]. ARTICLE 5. REPEALERS 18 SECTION 5.01. (a) The following provisions of the Civil 19 Practice and Remedies Code are repealed: 20 (1) Sections 12.005(b) and (d); 21 22 (2) Sections 21.051 and 126.012; and (3) Sections 152.004 and 152.005. 23 following provisions of the Family Code 24 (b) The are repealed: 25 (1) Sections 54.032(e), (g), and (h); 26 (2) Sections 54.0325(g) and (h); 27

1 (3) Section 54.0411; 2 (4) Sections 54.0461 and 54.0462; Section 54.047(f); 3 (5) Section 54.06(a); and 4 (6) 5 Sections 108.006(b) and (c). (7) 6 (c) The following provisions of the Government Code are 7 repealed: 8 (1) Sections 22.2021, 22.2031, 22.2041, 22.2051, 22.2061, 22.2071, 22.2081, 22.2091, 22.2101, 22.2121, 22.2131, and 9 10 22.2141; Section 25.0862(i); 11 (2) 12 Section 25.1862(1); (3) Sections 26.007 and 26.008; 13 (4) Section 51.305; 14 (5) 15 (6) Section 51.317; 16 (7) Sections 51.601(a), (a-1), (b), and (e); 17 (8) Section 51.604; Sections 51.702, 51.703, and 51.704; 18 (9) Sections 51.705, 51.706, 51.707, and 51.708; 19 (10) Sections 51.709, 51.710, 51.711, and 51.713; 20 (11)Sections 51.851(c), (g), and (j); 21 (12) 22 (13)Subchapter M, Chapter 51; Subchapter N, Chapter 51; 23 (14) Section 54A.110(d); and 24 (15) 25 (16) Section 411.077(a). Subtitle I, Title 2, Government Code, is repealed as 26 (d) duplicative of the substantive provisions referenced in the 27

subtitle. 1 2 (e) Section 194.002(e), Health and Safety Code, is 3 repealed. 4 (f) The following provisions of the Human Resources Code are 5 repealed: Section 152.0492; 6 (1)7 (2) Sections 152.1074(f) and (g); (3) Section 152.1322; 8 Sections 152.1752(b), (c), (d), and (e); 9 (4) 10 (5) Section 152.1844; and 11 (6) Sections 152.1873, 152.1874, 152.2183, and 152.2496. 12 The following provisions of the Local Government Code 13 (q) are repealed: 14 Sections 118.053, 118.054, 118.0546, and 118.055; 15 (1)16 (2) Section 118.056, Local Government Code, as amended 17 by Chapter 1001, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 18 1999; Sections 118.057, 118.064, 118.0645, 118.067, 19 (3) 118.068, and 118.069; 20 21 (4) Sections 118.102 and 118.122; (5) Section 133.058(c); 22 Sections 133.152, 133.153, and 133.154; 23 (6) Sections 291.008(a), (b), (c), and (e); and 24 (7) 25 (8) Section 291.009. 26 (h) Section 2308.457, Occupations Code, is repealed. Section 21.047(c), Property Code, is repealed. 27 (i)

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1	(j) Section 372.107(c), Transportation Code, is a	repeal	ed.	,
2	(k) Article 7818, Revised Statutes, is repealed.			
3	ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE			
4	SECTION 6.01. This Act takes effect January 1, 20)22.		

President of the Senate Speaker of the House I hereby certify that S.B. No. 41 passed the Senate on May 5, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 41 passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 20, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor