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(Leach)

S.B. No. 41

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 41:

By: Middleton

C.S.S.B. No. 41

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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]~~ imposed under Section 133.151;

(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;

1 (3) [~~(8)~~] marriage license fees for the family trust
2 fund collected under Section 118.018; and

3 (4) [~~(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~~

6 ~~[(10) the filing fee for the judicial fund imposed in~~
7 ~~district court, statutory county 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:

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

16 (1) a fee in the amount of \$137 [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 this section [~~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 59.854 percent; [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 14.5985 percent;

26 (3) the statewide electronic filing system
27 fund 21.8978 percent; and

1 fund 47.6191 percent; and
2 (3) the judicial and court personnel training
3 fund 23.8095 percent.

4 SECTION 1.03. Subtitle C, Title 4, Local Government Code,
5 is amended by adding Chapter 135 to read as follows:

6 CHAPTER 135. CIVIL FEES PAYABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8 Sec. 135.001. PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to
9 consolidate and standardize collection of fees payable to a local
10 government in civil cases by:

11 (1) an officer of a court for deposit in a county
12 treasury; or

13 (2) an officer of a county for deposit in the county
14 treasury.

15 Sec. 135.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

16 (1) "Fee" means a civil fee listed under Section
17 135.003.

18 (2) "County treasurer" means the custodian of money in
19 a county treasury.

20 Sec. 135.003. CIVIL FEES. This chapter applies to the civil
21 fees imposed under Sections 135.101, 135.102, and 135.103 on civil,
22 probate, guardianship, and mental health cases.

23 SUBCHAPTER B. COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF LOCAL CIVIL FEES

24 Sec. 135.051. COLLECTION, REMITTANCE, AND DEPOSIT OF FEES.

25 (a) A court clerk shall collect and remit to the county treasurer
26 all fees in the manner provided by this section.

27 (b) An officer collecting a fee in a justice, county, or

1 district court shall remit the money to the county treasurer for
2 deposit in the county treasury.

3 (c) A court clerk collecting a fee shall remit the money to
4 the county treasurer for deposit in the county treasury.

5 Sec. 135.052. ALLOCATION OF DEPOSITED FEES. (a) Money
6 collected under Subchapter C as civil fees imposed on or after
7 January 1, 2022, shall be allocated according to the percentages
8 provided by Sections 135.101, 135.102, and 135.103, as applicable.

9 (b) Money collected under Subchapter C as civil fees before
10 January 1, 2022, shall be distributed utilizing historical data so
11 that each account or fund receives the same amount of money the
12 account or fund would have received if the fee for the accounts and
13 funds had been collected and reported separately. This subsection
14 expires September 1, 2025.

15 SUBCHAPTER C. LOCAL CIVIL FEES

16 Sec. 135.101. LOCAL CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE FOR CERTAIN
17 CIVIL CASES IN DISTRICT COURT, STATUTORY COUNTY COURT, OR COUNTY
18 COURT. (a) A person shall pay in a district court, statutory
19 county court, or county court in addition to all other fees and
20 court costs a local consolidated filing fee of:

21 (1) \$213 on filing any civil case except a probate,
22 guardianship, or mental health case; and

23 (2) \$35 on any subsequent filing of a case subject to
24 Subdivision (1), including an appeal and any counterclaim,
25 cross-action, intervention, contempt action, interpleader, motion
26 for new trial, or third-party action.

27 (b) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received

1 under Subsection (a)(1) to the following accounts and funds so that
2 each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data
3 as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would
4 have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been
5 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
6 may not receive less than the following percentages:

- 7 (1) the appellate judicial system fund 2.3474
8 percent;
- 9 (2) the court facility fee fund 9.3897 percent;
- 10 (3) the clerk of the court account 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;
- 15 (7) the courthouse security fund 9.3897 percent;
- 16 (8) the language access fund 1.4085 percent;
- 17 (9) the county jury fund 4.6948 percent; and
- 18 (10) the county dispute resolution fund 7.0423
19 percent.

20 (c) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received
21 under Subsection (a)(2) to the following accounts and funds so that
22 each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data
23 as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would
24 have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been
25 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
26 may not receive less than the following percentages:

- 27 (1) the clerk of the court account 42.8571 percent; and

- 1 (5) the court reporter service fund 11.2108 percent;
- 2 (6) the county law library fund 15.6951 percent;
- 3 (7) the courthouse security fund 8.9686 percent;
- 4 (8) the language access fund 1.3453 percent;
- 5 (9) the county jury fund 4.4841 percent;
- 6 (10) the county dispute resolution fund 6.7265
- 7 percent;
- 8 (11) the court-initiated guardianship fund 8.9686
- 9 percent;
- 10 (12) the judicial education and support fund 2.2422
- 11 percent; and
- 12 (13) the public probate administrator fund 4.4843
- 13 percent.

14 (c) The county treasurer shall allocate the fees received
15 under Subsection (a)(2) to the following accounts and funds so that
16 each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data
17 as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would
18 have received if the fees for the accounts and funds had been
19 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
20 may not receive less than the following percentages:

- 21 (1) the clerk of the court account 53.3333 percent;
- 22 (2) the county records management and preservation
- 23 account 6.6667 percent;
- 24 (3) the court-initiated guardianship fund 26.6667
- 25 percent; and
- 26 (4) the public probate administrator fund 13.3333
- 27 percent.

1 Sec. 135.103. LOCAL CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE FOR JUSTICE
2 COURT. (a) In addition to all other fees and court costs, a person
3 shall pay a local consolidated filing fee of \$33 on filing of any
4 civil case in a justice court and on any action other than an
5 original action for a civil case, including an appeal and any
6 counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action,
7 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:

15 (1) the justice court support fund 75.7576 percent;

16 (2) the county dispute resolution fund 15.1515
17 percent; and

18 (3) the language access fund 9.0909 percent.

19 SUBCHAPTER D. ALLOCATION AND USE OF CERTAIN CIVIL FEES

20 Sec. 135.151. MAINTENANCE OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS. (a) A
21 county treasurer shall maintain in the county treasury a fund or
22 account to which money is allocated under Section 135.101, 135.102,
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
3 under Section 135.101 or 135.102 to the court facility fee fund
4 maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151
5 may be used by a county only to fund the construction, renovation,
6 or improvement of facilities that house the courts or to pay the
7 principal of, interest on, and costs of issuance of bonds,
8 including refunding bonds, issued for the construction,
9 renovation, or improvement of the facilities.

10 Sec. 135.153. CLERK OF THE COURT ACCOUNT. Money allocated
11 under Section 135.101 or 135.102 to the clerk of the court account
12 maintained in the county treasury as required by Section 135.151
13 may be used by a county only to defray costs of services provided by
14 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
17 county records management and preservation account maintained in
18 the county treasury as required by Section 135.151 may be used by a
19 county only to fund records management and preservation services,
20 including automation, performed by the court clerk on approval by
21 the commissioners court of a budget as provided by Chapter 111. An
22 expenditure from the fund must comply with Subchapter C, Chapter
23 262.

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

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

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.

22 Sec. 135.158. COURT-INITIATED GUARDIANSHIP FUND. Money
23 allocated under Section 135.102 to the court-initiated
24 guardianship fund maintained in the county treasury as required by
25 Section 135.151 may be used by a county only to supplement other
26 available funds to:

27 (1) pay the compensation of a guardian ad litem

1 appointed by a court under Section 1102.001, Estates Code;

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

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

12 (1) the continuing education of the judge and staff of
13 the statutory probate court, including the payment of travel and
14 related expenses in attending a continuing judicial education
15 activity of an organization accredited by the supreme court for
16 continuing 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
21 allocated under Section 135.102 to the public probate administrator
22 fund maintained in the county treasury as required by Section
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.
25 A county that does not appoint a public probate administrator
26 subject to Chapter 455, Estates Code, shall deposit the money to the
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 court.

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:

19 (1) each county treasurer shall allocate to the fund
20 the portion of the local consolidated filing fee set by Section
21 135.101(b)(1) or 135.102(b)(1), Local Government Code; and

22 (2) the clerk of each statutory probate court in the
23 county shall collect a \$5 fee in each civil case filed in the court.

24 (c) The fee required under Subsection (b)(2) shall be taxed,
25 collected, and paid as other court costs in a suit. The clerk of the
26 court shall collect the fee and pay it to the county treasurer.

27 (d) The county treasurer shall monthly forward the money

1 collected under this section to the clerk of the court of appeals
2 serving the county for deposit in the appellate judicial system
3 fund. The court of appeals may spend money in the fund for the
4 purposes described by Subsection (a). Money in the fund may not be
5 used for any other purpose.

6 (e) The chief justice of each court of appeals is
7 responsible for the management of all money deposited in the
8 appellate judicial system fund for the chief justice's court of
9 appeals and has sole discretion on use of the money in the fund,
10 except that the money must be used for purposes consistent with the
11 purposes described by Subsection (a) for which the fund was
12 established.

13 SECTION 2.02. Section 25.0022(e), Government Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

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

27 SECTION 2.03. Section 25.0172(u), Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

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

12 SECTION 2.04. Section [25.1102\(f\)](#), Government Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (f) The official court reporter of a county court at law is
15 entitled to receive a salary set by the judge of the county court at
16 law as provided by law for district court reporters. The salary
17 shall be paid monthly by the commissioners court out of funds
18 available for that purpose. [~~The clerk of the court shall tax as
19 costs in each civil, criminal, or probate case in which a record, or
20 any part of a record, is made of the evidence a stenographer's fee
21 of \$20. The clerk collects the fees and pays them in to the county's
22 general fund.~~]

23 SECTION 2.05. Section [25.1572\(h\)](#), Government Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (h) An official court reporter is not required to take
26 testimony in a case unless the judge or a party demands that
27 testimony be taken. [~~In civil and probate cases in which the court~~

1 ~~reporter is required to take testimony, the clerk shall assess a \$3~~
2 ~~fee as costs in the case. The clerk shall collect the fee and~~
3 ~~deposit it in the county treasury.]~~ The court reporter shall be
4 available for matters being considered in the county court if the
5 parties before the court request a court reporter and the request is
6 approved by the judge of a county court at law.

7 SECTION 2.06. Section [25.2702\(d\)](#), Government Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (d) The judge of the county court at law shall appoint an
10 official court reporter. The judge may appoint a court
11 administrator to aid the judge in the performance of the judge's
12 duties. The official court reporter and the court administrator of
13 the county court at law are entitled to receive a salary set by the
14 commissioners courts in the counties the reporter or administrator
15 serves to be paid out of the county treasuries, either by salary or
16 by contract as set by the commissioners courts. ~~[The clerk of the~~
17 ~~court shall tax as costs, in each civil and probate case in which a~~
18 ~~record of any part of the evidence in the case is made by the~~
19 ~~reporter, a stenographer's fee of \$25. The fee shall be paid in the~~
20 ~~same manner as other costs in the case. The clerk collects the fee~~
21 ~~and pays it into the general funds of the counties.]~~

22 SECTION 2.07. Section [51.302\(e\)](#), Government Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (e) The commissioners court may establish a contingency
25 fund to provide the coverage required by Subsection (c) or (d) if it
26 is determined by the district clerk that insurance coverage is
27 unavailable at a reasonable cost. ~~[The commissioners court may set~~

1 ~~an additional filing fee in an amount not to exceed \$5 for each suit~~
2 ~~filed to be collected by the district clerk. The fee shall be paid~~
3 ~~into the fund. When the contingency fund reaches an amount equal to~~
4 ~~that required by Subsection (c) or (d), the clerk shall stop~~
5 ~~collecting the additional fee.]~~

6 SECTION 2.08. Sections 51.318(a) and (b), Government Code,
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The [~~In addition to a fee under Section 51.317 the~~]
9 district clerk shall collect at the time the service is performed or
10 at the time the service is requested the fees provided by Subsection
11 (b) for services performed by the clerk.

12 (b) The fees are:

13 (1) for issuing a subpoena, including one copy . . . \$8

14 (2) for issuing a citation, commission for deposition,
15 writ of execution, order of sale, writ of execution and order of
16 sale, writ of injunction, writ of garnishment, writ of attachment,
17 or writ of sequestration [~~not provided for in Section 51.317~~], or
18 any other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one
19 copy if required by law \$8

20 (3) for searching files or records to locate a cause
21 when the docket number is not provided or [~~..... \$5~~

22 [~~(4) for searching files or records~~] to ascertain the
23 existence of an instrument or record in the district clerk's
24 office \$5

25 (4) [~~(5)~~] for abstracting a judgment \$8

26 (5) for preparation of the clerk's record on appeal,
27 for each page or part of a page \$1

1 (6) for approving a bond \$5 [~~\$4~~]

2 (7) for a certified copy of a record, judgment, order,
3 pleading, or paper on file or of record in the district clerk's
4 office, printed on paper:

5 (A) including certificate and seal \$5; and

6 (B) [~~7~~] for each page or part of a page . . [~~not to~~
7 ~~exceed~~] \$1

8 (8) for a noncertified copy:

9 (A) printed on paper, for each page or part of a
10 page [~~not to exceed~~] \$1;

11 (B) that is a paper document converted to
12 electronic format, for each page or part of a page \$1; or

13 (C) that is an electronic copy of an electronic
14 document:

15 (i) for each document up to 10 pages in
16 length \$1; and

17 (ii) for each page or part of a page over 10
18 pages \$0.10.

19 SECTION 2.09. The heading to Section 51.601, Government
20 Code, is amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 51.601. COURT REPORTER SERVICE FUND [~~FEF~~].

22 SECTION 2.10. Section 51.607, Government Code, is amended
23 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
24 follows:

25 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d) and
26 notwithstanding [~~Notwithstanding~~] the effective date of the law
27 imposing or changing the amount of a court cost or fee included on

1 the list, the imposition or change in the amount of the court cost
2 or fee does not take effect until the next January 1 after the law
3 takes effect.

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

8 SECTION 2.11. Section 51.851(b), Government Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (b) In addition to other fees authorized or required by law,
11 the clerk of the supreme court or~~[r]~~ a court of appeals~~[, a~~
12 ~~district court, a county court, a statutory county court, or a~~
13 ~~statutory probate court]~~ shall collect a \$30 fee on the filing of
14 any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an
15 appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action,
16 intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a
17 filing fee to be used as provided by Section 51.852.

18 SECTION 2.12. Section 411.0745(b), Government Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b) The petition must be accompanied by payment of a [~~\$28~~
21 ~~fee to the clerk of the court in addition to any other~~] fee that
22 generally applies to the filing of a civil case [~~petition~~].

23 SECTION 2.13. The heading to Section 411.077, Government
24 Code, is amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 411.077. [~~DISPOSITION OF FEE,~~] DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
26 SAFETY REPORT.

27 ARTICLE 3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

1 SECTION 3.01. Section 82.003(c), Local Government Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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

12 SECTION 3.02. Sections 118.051 and 118.052, Local
13 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 118.051. CLERICAL DUTIES. The ~~[Except as provided by
15 Section 118.067, the]~~ fees listed in this subchapter for county
16 civil court dockets under Section 118.052(1) and county probate
17 court dockets under Section 118.052(2) are fees for all clerical
18 duties performed in connection with the docket, including:

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

22 (2) issuing and recording the return of a citation,
23 notice, subpoena, commission to take depositions, execution while
24 the docket is still open (civil docket), garnishment before
25 judgment (civil docket), order, writ, process, or any other
26 document authorized or required to be issued by the clerk on which a
27 return must be recorded;

- (3) attendances in court as clerk of the court;
- (4) impaneling a jury (civil docket);
- (5) swearing witnesses;
- (6) approving bonds involved in court action; and
- (7) administering oaths.

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

(1) CIVIL COURT ACTIONS

(A) Filing of [~~Original Action (Sec. 118.053)~~];

~~[(i)] Garnishment after judgment . . . \$15.00~~

~~[(ii) All others . . . \$40.00]~~

(B) [~~Filing of Action Other than Original (Sec. 118.054)~~] . . . \$30.00

~~[(C)] Services Rendered After Judgment in Original Action (Sec. 118.0545):~~

~~(i) Abstract of judgment . . . \$ 8.00 [5.00]~~

~~(ii) Preparation of the clerk's record for appeal, per page or part of a page . . . \$ 1.00~~

~~(iii) Execution, order of sale, writ, or other process . . . \$ 8.00 [5.00]~~

(2) PROBATE COURT ACTIONS

(A) [~~Probate Original Action (Sec. 118.055)~~];

~~[(i) Probate of a will with independent executor, administration with will attached, administration of an~~

1 ~~estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of~~
2 ~~title . . . \$40.00~~

3 ~~[(ii) Community survivors . . . \$40.00~~
4 ~~[(iii) Small estates . . . \$40.00~~
5 ~~[(iv) Declarations of heirship . . . \$40.00~~
6 ~~[(v) Mental health or chemical dependency~~
7 ~~services . . . \$40.00~~

8 ~~[(vi) Additional, special fee (Sec.~~
9 ~~118.064) . . . \$ 5.00~~

10 ~~[(B)]~~ Services in Pending Probate Action (Sec.
11 118.056):

12 (i) Filing an inventory and appraisalment as
13 provided by Section 118.056(d) . . . \$25.00

14 (ii) Approving and recording bond . . .
15 \$ 5.00 [~~3.00~~]

16 (iii) Administering oath . . . \$ 2.00

17 (iv) Filing annual or final account of
18 estate . . . \$25.00

19 (v) Filing application for sale of real or
20 personal property . . . \$25.00

21 (vi) Filing annual or final report of
22 guardian of a person . . . \$10.00

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, if more than
27 25 pages . . . \$25.00

1 (B) [~~(C)~~ Adverse Probate Action (Sec. [118.057](#))
2 . . . \$40.00

3 [~~(D)~~] Claim Against Estate (Sec. [118.058](#)) . . .
4 \$10.00

5 [~~(E)~~ Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship
6 Fee in Probate Original Actions and Adverse Probate Actions (Sec.
7 [118.067](#)) . . . \$20.00

8 [~~(F)~~ Supplemental Public Probate Administrator
9 Fee For Counties That Have Appointed a Public Probate Administrator
10 (Sec. [118.068](#)) . . . \$10.00]

11 (3) OTHER FEES

12 (A) Issuing Document (Sec. [118.059](#)):
13 original document and one copy . . . \$ 8.00 [~~4.00~~]
14 each additional set of an original and one copy . . . \$ 8.00
15 [~~4.00~~]

16 (B) Certified Papers (Sec. [118.060](#)):
17 for the clerk's certificate . . . \$ 5.00
18 plus a fee per page or part of a page of . . . \$ 1.00

19 (C) Noncertified Papers (Sec. [118.0605](#)):
20 printed on paper, for each page or part of a page . . . \$ 1.00
21 paper converted to electronic format, for each page or part
22 of a page . . . \$ 1.00

23 electronic copy of an electronic document:
24 (i) for each document up to 10 pages in
25 length . . . \$ 1.00; and

26 (ii) for each page or part of a page over 10
27 pages . . . \$ 0.10

1 (D) Letters Testamentary, Letter of
2 Guardianship, Letter of Administration, or Abstract of Judgment
3 (Sec. 118.061) . . . \$ 2.00

4 (E) Deposit and Safekeeping of Wills (Sec.
5 118.062) . . . \$ 5.00

6 (F) Mail Service of Process (Sec. 118.063) . . .
7 same as sheriff

8 (G) Searching files or records to locate a cause
9 when the docket number is not provided or to ascertain the existence
10 of an instrument or record in the county clerk's office [~~Records~~
11 ~~Management and Preservation Fee~~] . . . \$ 5.00

12 (H) Records Technology and Infrastructure Fee if
13 authorized by the commissioners court of the county (Sec. 118.026)
14 . . . \$ 2.00

15 SECTION 3.03. Section 118.0545, Local Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (e) to
17 read as follows:

18 (b-1) The fee for "Preparation of the clerk's record for
19 appeal" under Section 118.052(1) is for preparation of the clerk's
20 record for appeal.

21 (e) In this section, "original action" includes an appeal
22 from a justice of the peace or a corporation court and a transfer of
23 an action from another jurisdiction [~~has the meaning assigned by~~
24 ~~Section 118.053~~].

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

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

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

6 (c) In this section, "document" includes a subpoena,
7 citation, notice, commission to take depositions, execution,
8 order, writ, process, or other instrument or paper authorized or
9 required to be issued by the clerk.

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

12 Sec. 118.070. FEE FOR SEARCH OF RECORDS. The clerk of a
13 county court shall collect a fee for searching files or records to
14 locate a cause when the docket number is not provided or to
15 ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the county
16 clerk's office.

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

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

- 21 (1) Probate of a will \$2.00
- 22 (2) Granting letters testamentary, letter of
23 guardianship, or letter of administration \$2.00
- 24 (3) Order of sale \$2.00
- 25 (4) Approval and confirmation of sale
26 \$2.00
- 27 (5) Decree refusing order of sale or confirmation of

- 1 sale \$2.00
- 2 (6) Decree of partition and distribution
- 3 \$2.00
- 4 (7) Decree approving or setting aside the report of a
- 5 commissioner of partition and distribution \$2.00
- 6 (8) Decree removing an executor, administrator or
- 7 guardian (with the fee to be paid by that executor, administrator,
- 8 or guardian) \$1.00
- 9 (9) Fiat or certificate \$2.00
- 10 (10) Continuance \$0.10
- 11 (11) Orders for which another fee is not prescribed
- 12 \$2.00
- 13 (12) Administering oath or affirmation with
- 14 certificate and seal \$2.00
- 15 (13) Administering oath or affirmation without
- 16 certificate and seal \$0.25
- 17 ~~[(14) Records technology and infrastructure, if~~
- 18 ~~authorized by the commissioners court of the county~~
- 19 ~~\$2.00]~~

20 SECTION 3.08. Section [118.121](#), Local Government Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Sec. 118.121. FEE SCHEDULE. A justice of the peace shall
23 collect the following fees for services rendered ~~[to any person:~~

24 ~~[(1) Services rendered before judgment (Sec.~~
25 ~~[118.122](#)):~~

26 ~~[(A) Justice court \$25.00~~

27 ~~[(B) Small claims court \$25.00~~

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) For fees paid to an officer of a court and not using the
3 electronic filing system established under Section 72.031,
4 Government Code, on ~~On~~ or before the last day of the month
5 following each calendar quarter, the treasurer shall:

6 (1) remit to the comptroller the money from all fees
7 collected during the preceding quarter, except as provided by
8 Section 133.058; and

9 (2) submit to the comptroller the report required
10 under Section 133.056 for criminal fees and Section 133.057 for
11 civil fees.

12 SECTION 3.11. Section 133.058(d), Local Government Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (d) A county may not retain a service fee on the collection
15 of a fee or fine:

16 (1) for the judicial fund;

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

19 (3) under Section 51.851, Government Code; or

20 (4) for any state consolidated filing fee under
21 Section 133.151 [~~51.971, Government Code~~].

22 SECTION 3.12. Section 203.003, Local Government Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 203.003. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT. The
25 commissioners court of each county shall:

26 (1) promote and support the efficient and economical
27 management of records of all elective offices in the county to

1 enable elected county officers to conform to this subtitle and
2 rules adopted under it;

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

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

12 (4) facilitate the identification and protection of
13 the essential records of elective offices;

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

17 (6) establish a records management and preservation
18 account [~~fund~~] for the records management and preservation fees
19 authorized under Sections [~~118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645~~]
20 135.101 and 135.102, [~~and Section 51.317, Government Code,~~] and
21 approve in advance any expenditures from the fund, which may be
22 spent only for records management preservation or automation
23 purposes in the county.

24 SECTION 3.13. The heading to Section 291.008, Local
25 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 291.008. DOCUMENT FILING FEE [~~FOR SECURITY~~].

27 SECTION 3.14. Section 291.008(d), Local Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

20 (1) establishing the law library after the entry of
21 the order creating it;

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

25 (3) purchasing or leasing library materials or
26 acquiring library equipment, including computers, software, and
27 subscriptions to obtain access to electronic research networks for

1 use by judges in the county; or

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

5 ARTICLE 4. OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

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

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

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

17 (a) The courthouse security fund is a fund in the county
18 treasury, and the municipal court building security fund is a fund
19 in the municipal treasury. The funds consist of money allocated to
20 the funds under Sections 134.101, 134.102, [~~and~~] 134.103, 135.101,
21 and 135.102, Local Government Code.

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

24 (a) When a child has been found to have engaged in
25 delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and
26 the juvenile court has made a finding that the child is in need of
27 rehabilitation or that the protection of the public or the child

1 requires that disposition be made, the juvenile court, on notice by
2 any reasonable method to all persons affected, may:

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

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

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

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

25 SECTION 4.04. Section 61.002(a), Family Code, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), this chapter

1 applies to a proceeding to enter a juvenile court order:

2 (1) for payment of probation fees under Section
3 54.061;

4 (2) for restitution under Sections 54.041(b) and
5 54.048;

6 (3) [~~for payment of graffiti eradication fees under~~
7 ~~Section 54.0461,~~

8 [~~(4)~~] for community service under Section 54.044(b);

9 (4) [~~(5) for payment of costs of court under Section~~
10 ~~54.0411 or other provisions of law,~~

11 [~~(6)~~] requiring the person to refrain from doing any
12 act injurious to the welfare of the child under Section
13 54.041(a)(1);

14 (5) [~~(7)~~] enjoining contact between the person and the
15 child who is the subject of a proceeding under Section
16 54.041(a)(2);

17 (6) [~~(8)~~] ordering a person living in the same
18 household with the child to participate in counseling under Section
19 54.041(a)(3);

20 (7) [~~(9)~~] requiring a parent or other eligible person
21 to pay reasonable attorney's fees for representing the child under
22 Section 51.10(e);

23 (8) [~~(10)~~] requiring the parent or other eligible
24 person to reimburse the county for payments the county has made to
25 an attorney appointed to represent the child under Section
26 51.10(j);

27 (9) [~~(11)~~] requiring payment of deferred prosecution

1 supervision fees under Section 53.03(d);

2 (10) [~~(12)~~] requiring a parent or other eligible
3 person to attend a court hearing under Section 51.115;

4 (11) [~~(13)~~] requiring a parent or other eligible
5 person to act or refrain from acting to aid the child in complying
6 with conditions of release from detention under Section 54.01(r);

7 (12) [~~(14)~~] requiring a parent or other eligible
8 person to act or refrain from acting under any law imposing an
9 obligation of action or omission on a parent or other eligible
10 person because of the parent's or person's relation to the child who
11 is the subject of a proceeding under this title;

12 ~~[(15) for payment of fees under Section 54.0462,]~~ or

13 (13) [~~(16)~~] for payment of the cost of attending an
14 educational program under Section 54.0404.

15 SECTION 4.05. Section 231.202, Family Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

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

21 (1) filing fees and fees for issuance and service of
22 process as provided by Chapter 110 of this code and by Sections
23 [~~51.317(b)(1), (2), and (3) and (b-1),~~] 51.318(b)(2)[~~7~~] and
24 51.319(2), Government Code;

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

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

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

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

7 (B) a fee authorized under Section 157.103(b) for
8 serving a capias;

9 (5) the fee for filing an administrative writ of
10 withholding under Section 158.503(d); and

11 (6) the fee for issuance of a subpoena as provided by
12 Section 51.318(b)(1), Government Code [~~, and~~

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

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

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

24 SECTION 4.07. Section 40.062, Human Resources Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 40.062. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN COSTS AND FEES. The
27 department is not required to pay any cost or fee otherwise imposed

1 for court proceedings or other services, including a:

2 (1) filing fee or fee for issuance or service of
3 process imposed by Section 110.002, Family Code, or by Section
4 ~~[51.317, 51.318(b)(2), or]~~ 51.319, Government Code;

5 (2) transfer fee imposed by Section 110.002 or
6 110.005, Family Code;

7 ~~(3) [court reporter fee imposed by Section 51.601,~~
8 ~~Government Code,~~

9 ~~[(4) judicial fund fee imposed by Section 51.702,~~
10 ~~Government Code,~~

11 ~~[(5)]~~ judge's fee imposed by Section 25.0008 or
12 25.0029, Government Code;

13 (4) ~~[(6)]~~ cost or security fee imposed by Section
14 53.051, 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or

15 (5) ~~[(7)]~~ fee imposed by a county officer under
16 Section 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code.

17 SECTION 4.08. Section 161.107(b), Human Resources Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

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

22 (1) a filing fee or fee for issuance of service of
23 process imposed by Section ~~[51.317, 51.318(b)(2), or]~~ 51.319,
24 Government Code;

25 (2) ~~[a court reporter service fee imposed by Section~~
26 ~~51.601, Government Code,~~

27 ~~[(3) a judicial fund fee imposed by Section 51.702,~~

1 (6) Section 54.06(a); and

2 (7) Sections 108.006(b) and (c).

3 (c) The following provisions of the Government Code are
4 repealed:

5 (1) Sections 22.2021, 22.2031, 22.2041, 22.2051,
6 22.2061, 22.2071, 22.2081, 22.2091, 22.2101, 22.2121, 22.2131,
7 22.2141, 25.00211, 25.00212, and 25.00213;

8 (2) Section 25.0595(j);

9 (3) Section 25.0862(i);

10 (4) Section 25.1862(l);

11 (5) Sections 26.007 and 26.008;

12 (6) Section 51.305;

13 (7) Section 51.317;

14 (8) Sections 51.601(a), (a-1), (b), and (e);

15 (9) Section 51.604;

16 (10) Sections 51.702, 51.703, and 51.704;

17 (11) Sections 51.705, 51.706, 51.707, and 51.708;

18 (12) Sections 51.709, 51.710, 51.711, and 51.713;

19 (13) Sections 51.851(c), (g), and (j);

20 (14) Subchapter M, Chapter 51;

21 (15) Subchapter N, Chapter 51;

22 (16) Section 54A.110(d);

23 (17) Section 54A.205(d); and

24 (18) Section 411.077(a).

25 (d) Subtitle I, Title 2, Government Code, is repealed as
26 duplicative of the substantive provisions referenced in the
27 subtitle.

1 (e) Section 194.002(e), Health and Safety Code, is
2 repealed.

3 (f) The following provisions of the Human Resources Code are
4 repealed:

5 (1) Section 152.0492;

6 (2) Sections 152.1074(f) and (g);

7 (3) Section 152.1322;

8 (4) Sections 152.1752(b), (c), (d), and (e);

9 (5) Section 152.1844; and

10 (6) Sections 152.1873, 152.1874, 152.2183, and
11 152.2496.

12 (g) The following provisions of the Local Government Code
13 are repealed:

14 (1) Sections 118.053, 118.054, 118.0546, and 118.055;

15 (2) Section 118.056, Local Government Code, as amended
16 by Chapter 1001, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session,
17 1999;

18 (3) Sections 118.057, 118.064, 118.0645, 118.067,
19 118.068, and 118.069;

20 (4) Sections 118.102 and 118.122;

21 (5) Section 133.058(c);

22 (6) Sections 133.152, 133.153, and 133.154;

23 (7) Sections 291.008(a), (b), (c), and (e); and

24 (8) Section 291.009.

25 (h) Section 2308.457, Occupations Code, is repealed.

26 (i) Section 21.047(c), Property Code, is repealed.

27 (j) Section 372.107(c), Transportation Code, is repealed.

1 (k) Article 7818, Revised Statutes, is repealed.

2 ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

3 SECTION 6.01. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.