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S.B. No. 41

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) defray costs and expenses incurred in the operation of

1 the court of appeals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 Sec. 51.971. JUDICIAL AND COURT PERSONNEL TRAINING
10 FEE. (a) A filing fee required by Section 133.151(a)(5),
11 133.1151(a)(3), or 133.1152(3), Local Government Code, is [~~In~~
12 ~~addition to other fees authorized or required by law, the clerk of a~~
13 ~~district court, county court, statutory county court, statutory~~
14 ~~probate court, or justice court shall collect a \$5 fee on the filing~~
15 ~~of any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including~~
16 ~~an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action,~~
17 ~~intervention, interpleader, or third party action requiring a~~
18 ~~filing fee] to be used as provided under Section 56.003.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) [~~(3)~~] additional filing fees:

- 25 (A) for each suit filed for insurance contingency
- 26 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.302,
- 27 Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (3) [~~(4)~~] for filing a suit, including an appeal from
2 an inferior court:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (5) [~~(6)~~] for issuing a citation or other writ or
19 process not otherwise provided for, including one copy, when
20 requested at the time a suit or action is filed (Sec. [51.317](#),
21 Government Code) . . . \$8;

22 (6) [~~(7)~~] for records management and preservation
23 (Sec. [51.317](#), Government Code) . . . \$10;

24 (7) [~~(7-a)~~] for district court records archiving, if
25 adopted by the county commissioners court (Sec. [51.317](#)(b)(5),
26 Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;

27 (8) for issuing a subpoena, including one copy (Sec.

- 1 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 2 (9) for issuing a citation, commission for deposition,
3 writ of execution, order of sale, writ of execution and order of
4 sale, writ of injunction, writ of garnishment, writ of attachment,
5 or writ of sequestration not provided for in Section 51.317, or any
6 other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one
7 copy if required by law (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 8 (10) for searching files or records to locate a cause
9 when the docket number is not provided (Sec. 51.318, Government
10 Code) . . . \$5;
- 11 (11) for searching files or records to ascertain the
12 existence of an instrument or record in the district clerk's office
13 (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 14 (12) for abstracting a judgment (Sec. 51.318,
15 Government Code) . . . \$8;
- 16 (13) for approving a bond (Sec. 51.318, Government
17 Code) . . . \$4;
- 18 (14) for a certified copy of a record, judgment,
19 order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the district
20 clerk's office, including certificate and seal, for each page or
21 part of a page (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$1;
- 22 (15) for a noncertified copy, for each page or part of
23 a page (Sec. 51.318, Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$1;
- 24 (16) fee for performing a service:
- 25 (A) related to the matter of the estate of a
26 deceased person (Sec. 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee
27 allowed the county clerk for those services;

1 (B) related to the matter of a minor (Sec.
2 51.319, Government Code) . . . the same fee allowed the county clerk
3 for the service;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 21. Section 101.0613, Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

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

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

11 (2) [~~(3)~~] a child support service fee in Nueces County
12 if ordered by the commissioners court and assessed by the court
13 (Sec. 152.1844, Human Resources Code) . . . not to exceed \$5 a month
14 payable annually in advance;

15 (3) [~~(4)~~] a service fee to be paid by a person ordered
16 by a district court to pay child or spousal support:

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

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

23 (4) [~~and~~

24 [~~(C) in Montague County (Sec. 152.1752, Human~~
25 ~~Resources Code) . . . \$1 if fee is ordered to be paid monthly, 50~~
26 ~~cents if fee is ordered to be paid semimonthly or weekly,~~

27 [~~(5) attorney's fees as an additional cost in Montague~~

1 ~~County on a finding of contempt of court for failure to pay child or~~
2 ~~spousal support if the contempt action is initiated by the~~
3 ~~probation department (Sec. 152.1752, Human Resources Code) . . .~~
4 ~~\$15;~~

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

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

11 (5) ~~[(8)]~~ fee on filing a suit for divorce in Orange
12 County (Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . not less than \$5;
13 and

14 (6) ~~[(9)]~~ court costs on citation for contempt of
15 court in Orange County for failure to comply with a child support
16 order or order providing for possession of or access to a child
17 (Sec. 152.1873, Human Resources Code) . . . amount determined by
18 district clerk[~~+~~

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

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

24 SECTION 22. Section 101.0615, Government Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 101.0615. DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS: LOCAL
27 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect fees

1 and costs under the Local Government Code as follows:

2 (1) additional filing fees:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (4) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
6 security fund in Webb County, if authorized by the county
7 commissioners court (Sec. [291.009](#), Local Government Code) . . . not
8 to exceed \$20;

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

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

17 (7) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.
18 [133.151\(a\)\(4\)](#), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

19 (8) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court
20 personnel training (Sec. [133.151\(a\)\(5\)](#), Local Government
21 Code) . . . \$5; and

22 (9) appellate judicial system filing fee for a court
23 of appeals district (Sec. [133.151\(a\)\(6\)](#), Local Government
24 Code) . . . not more than \$5.

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

27 Sec. 101.0811. STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES AND COSTS:

1 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court shall
2 collect fees and costs under the Government Code as follows:

- 3 (1) ~~[appellate judicial system filing fees:~~
4 ~~[(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals~~
5 ~~District (Sec. [22.2021](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
6 ~~[(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
7 ~~[22.2031](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
8 ~~[(C) Third Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
9 ~~[22.2041](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
10 ~~[(D) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
11 ~~[22.2051](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
12 ~~[(E) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
13 ~~[22.2061](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
14 ~~[(E-1) Sixth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
15 ~~[22.2071](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
16 ~~[(E-2) Seventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
17 ~~[22.2081](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
18 ~~[(E-3) Eighth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
19 ~~[22.2091](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
20 ~~[(F) Ninth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
21 ~~[22.2101](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
22 ~~[(G) Eleventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
23 ~~[22.2121](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
24 ~~[(G-1) Twelfth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
25 ~~[22.2131](#), Government Code) . . . \$5, and~~
26 ~~[(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
27 ~~[22.2141](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~

1 ~~[(2)]~~ an official court reporter fee, County Court at
2 Law No. 2 of Bexar County (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code) . . . \$3;

3 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ in Brazoria County, in matters of
4 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court, fees (Sec.
5 25.0222, Government Code) . . . as prescribed by law for district
6 judges according to the nature of the matter;

7 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ a court reporter fee when testimony is taken
8 in a county court at law in McLennan County (Sec. 25.1572,
9 Government Code) . . . \$3;

10 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ a stenographer fee, if a record or part of a
11 record is made:

12 (A) in a county court at law in Hidalgo County
13 (Sec. 25.1102, Government Code) . . . \$20; and

14 (B) in the 1st Multicounty Court at Law (Sec.
15 25.2702, Government Code) . . . \$25;

16 (5) ~~[(6)]~~ jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government
17 Code) . . . \$40;

18 (6) ~~[(7)]~~ an additional filing fee:

19 (A) ~~[for each civil case filed to be used for~~
20 ~~court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary (Sec.~~
21 ~~51.702, Government Code) . . . \$40;~~

22 ~~[(B)]~~ to fund the improvement of Dallas County
23 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners
24 court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

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

1 (C) to fund the improvement of Hays County court
2 facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.
3 51.707, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (7) [~~(8)~~] the official court reporter's fee taxed as
23 costs in civil actions in a statutory county court:

24 (A) in Bexar County Courts at Law Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6,
25 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 (Sec. 25.0172, Government Code)
26 . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed in district court;

27 (B) in Galveston County (Sec. 25.0862,

1 Government Code) . . . taxed in the same manner as the fee is taxed
2 in civil cases in the district courts;

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

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

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

13 (9) [~~(10)~~] a fee not otherwise listed in this
14 subchapter that is required to be collected under Section 25.0008,
15 Government Code, in a county other than Brazos, Cameron, Ellis,
16 Guadalupe, Harris, Henderson, Liberty, Moore, Nolan, Panola,
17 Parker, Starr, Victoria, and Williamson . . . as prescribed by law
18 relating to county judges' fees; and

19 (10) [~~(11)~~] at a hearing held by an associate judge
20 appointed under Subchapter B, Chapter 54A, Government Code, a court
21 cost to preserve the record, in the absence of a court reporter, by
22 any means approved by the associate judge (Sec. 54A.110, Government
23 Code) . . . as assessed by the referring court or associate judge[+
24 ~~and~~

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

27 SECTION 24. Section 101.0814, Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

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

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

10 (A) filing of original action (Secs. 118.052 and
11 118.053, Local Government Code):

12 (i) garnishment after judgment (Sec.
13 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$15; and

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

16 (B) filing of action other than original (Secs.
17 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . \$30; and

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

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

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

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

26 (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and
27 118.055, Local Government Code):

- 1 (i) probate of a will with independent
2 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
3 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of
4 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 5 (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,
6 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 7 (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
8 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 9 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.
10 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 11 (v) mental health or chemical dependency
12 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and
- 13 (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052
14 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 15 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.
16 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
- 17 (i) filing an inventory and appraisalment
18 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.056(d), Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 19 (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.
20 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;
- 21 (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,
22 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
- 23 (iv) filing annual or final account of
24 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 25 (v) filing application for sale of real or
26 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 27 (vi) filing annual or final report of

1 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . .
2 \$10; and

3 (vii) filing a document not listed under
4 this paragraph after the filing of an order approving the inventory
5 and appraisal or after the 120th day after the date of the
6 initial filing of the action, whichever occurs first (Secs. 118.052
7 and 191.007, Local Government Code), if more than 25 pages . . .
8 \$25;

9 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
10 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

11 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and
12 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

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

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

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

19 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
20 Local Government Code):

21 (i) original document and one copy (Sec.
22 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and

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

25 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
26 Local Government Code):

27 (i) for the clerk's certificate (Sec.

1 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and
2 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.
3 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;
4 (C) noncertified papers, for each page or part of
5 a page (Secs. 118.052 and 118.0605, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;
6 (D) letters testamentary, letter of
7 guardianship, letter of administration, or abstract of judgment
8 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.061, Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
9 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and
10 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
11 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and
12 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and
13 (G) records management and preservation fee
14 (Secs. 118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645, Local Government
15 Code) . . . \$5;
16 (5) additional filing fee for filing any civil action
17 or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on
18 the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention,
19 interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund
20 civil legal services for the indigent (Sec. 133.1511(a)(1)
21 [~~133.153~~], Local Government Code) . . . \$10;
22 (6) on the filing of a civil suit, an additional filing
23 fee to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the
24 judiciary (Sec. 133.1511(b) [~~133.154~~], Local Government Code) . . .
25 \$42;
26 (7) additional filing fee to fund the courthouse
27 security fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court

1 (Sec. 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

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

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

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

14 (11) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.
15 133.1511(a)(2), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

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

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

22 (14) an additional filing fee for each civil case
23 filed to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the
24 judiciary (Sec. 133.1511(c), Local Government Code). . . \$40.

25 SECTION 25. Section 101.1011, Government Code, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 101.1011. STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES AND COSTS:

1 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate court shall
2 collect fees and costs under the Government Code as follows:

- 3 (1) ~~[appellate judicial system filing fees:~~
4 ~~[(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals~~
5 ~~District (Sec. [22.2021](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
6 ~~[(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
7 ~~[22.2031](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
8 ~~[(C) Third Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
9 ~~[22.2041](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
10 ~~[(D) Fourth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
11 ~~[22.2051](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
12 ~~[(E) Fifth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
13 ~~[22.2061](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~
14 ~~[(E-1) Sixth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
15 ~~[22.2071](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
16 ~~[(E-2) Seventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
17 ~~[22.2081](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
18 ~~[(E-3) Eighth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
19 ~~[22.2091](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
20 ~~[(F) Ninth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
21 ~~[22.2101](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
22 ~~[(G) Eleventh Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
23 ~~[22.2121](#), Government Code) . . . \$5,~~
24 ~~[(G-1) Twelfth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
25 ~~[22.2131](#), Government Code) . . . \$5, and~~
26 ~~[(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
27 ~~[22.2141](#), Government Code) . . . not more than \$5,~~

1 ~~[(2)]~~ additional filing fees as follows:

2 (A) for certain cases to be used for

3 court-related purposes for support of the judiciary (Sec. 51.704,

4 Government Code) . . . \$40;

5 (B) to fund the improvement of Dallas County

6 civil court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners

7 court (Sec. 51.705, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

8 (B-1) to fund the improvement of Bexar County

9 court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court

10 (Sec. 51.706, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

11 (C) to fund the improvement of Hays County court

12 facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.

13 51.707, Government Code) . . . not more than \$15;

14 (D) to fund the construction, renovation, or

15 improvement of Rockwall County court facilities, if authorized by

16 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.709, Government Code) . . .

17 not more than \$15;

18 (E) to fund the construction, renovation, or

19 improvement of Travis County court facilities, if authorized by the

20 county commissioners court (Sec. 51.710, Government Code) . . . not

21 more than \$15; and

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

23 improvement of Hidalgo County court facilities, if authorized by

24 the county commissioners court (Sec. 51.711, Government Code) . . .

25 not more than \$20;

26 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ jury fee for civil case (Sec. 51.604,

27 Government Code) . . . \$40;

1 (3) [~~(4)~~] the expense of preserving the record as a
2 court cost, if imposed on a party by the referring court or
3 associate judge (Sec. [54A.211](#), Government Code) . . . actual cost;
4 and

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

9 [~~(6) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.~~
10 ~~[51.851](#), Government Code) . . . \$30].~~

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

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

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

22 (2) additional filing fee to fund contingency fund for
23 liability insurance, if authorized by the county commissioners
24 court (Sec. [82.003](#), Local Government Code) . . . not to exceed \$5;

25 (3) probate court actions (Sec. [118.052](#), Local
26 Government Code):

27 (A) probate original action (Secs. [118.052](#) and

- 1 118.055, Local Government Code):
- 2 (i) probate of a will with independent
3 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
4 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of
5 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 6 (ii) community survivors (Sec. 118.052,
7 Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 8 (iii) small estates (Sec. 118.052, Local
9 Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 10 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.
11 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 12 (v) mental health or chemical dependency
13 services (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40; and
- 14 (vi) additional, special fee (Secs. 118.052
15 and 118.064, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;
- 16 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.
17 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
- 18 (i) filing an inventory and appraisalment
19 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.056(d), Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 20 (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.
21 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;
- 22 (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,
23 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
- 24 (iv) filing annual or final account of
25 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
- 26 (v) filing application for sale of real or
27 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;

1 (vi) filing annual or final report of
2 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . .
3 \$10; and

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

10 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
11 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

12 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and
13 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;

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

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

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

20 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
21 Local Government Code):

22 (i) original document and one copy (Sec.
23 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and

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

26 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
27 Local Government Code):

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

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

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

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

1 ~~22.2131, Government Code) . . . \$5; and~~

2 [~~(H) Thirteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec.~~
3 ~~22.2141, Government Code) . . . not more than \$5;~~

4 [~~(2)~~] a jury fee (Sec. 51.604, Government Code) . . .
5 \$40; and

6 (2) [~~(3)~~] ~~a filing fee in each civil case filed to be~~
7 ~~used for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary~~
8 ~~(Sec. 51.703, Government Code) . . . \$40;~~

9 [~~(4)~~] a filing fee to fund the preservation of court
10 records (Sec. 51.708, Government Code) . . . not more than \$10[~~;~~ and

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

13 SECTION 28. Section 101.1214, Government Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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

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

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

23 (A) filing of original action (Secs. 118.052 and
24 118.053, Local Government Code):

25 (i) garnishment after judgment (Sec.
26 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$15; and

27 (ii) all others (Sec. 118.052, Local

1 Government Code) . . . \$40;

2 (B) filing of action other than original (Secs.
3 118.052 and 118.054, Local Government Code) . . . \$30; and

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

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

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

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

12 (A) probate original action (Secs. 118.052 and
13 118.055, Local Government Code):

14 (i) probate of a will with independent
15 executor, administration with will attached, administration of an
16 estate, guardianship or receivership of an estate, or muniment of
17 title (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

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

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

22 (iv) declarations of heirship (Sec.
23 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;

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

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

- 1 (B) services in pending probate action (Secs.
2 118.052 and 118.056, Local Government Code):
- 3 (i) filing an inventory and appraisement
4 (Secs. 118.052 and 118.056(d), Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
 - 5 (ii) approving and recording bond (Sec.
6 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$3;
 - 7 (iii) administering oath (Sec. 118.052,
8 Local Government Code) . . . \$2;
 - 9 (iv) filing annual or final account of
10 estate (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
 - 11 (v) filing application for sale of real or
12 personal property (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$25;
 - 13 (vi) filing annual or final report of
14 guardian of a person (Sec. 118.052, Local Government Code) . . .
15 \$10; and
 - 16 (vii) filing a document not listed under
17 this paragraph after the filing of an order approving the inventory
18 and appraisement or after the 120th day after the date of the
19 initial filing of the action, whichever occurs first (Secs. 118.052
20 and 191.007, Local Government Code), if more than 25 pages . . .
21 \$25;
- 22 (C) adverse probate action (Secs. 118.052 and
23 118.057, Local Government Code) . . . \$40;
- 24 (D) claim against estate (Secs. 118.052 and
25 118.058, Local Government Code) . . . \$10;
- 26 (E) supplemental court-initiated guardianship
27 fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.067, Local Government Code) . . . \$20;

1 and

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

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

5 (A) issuing document (Secs. 118.052 and 118.059,
6 Local Government Code):

7 (i) original document and one copy (Sec.
8 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$4; and

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

11 (B) certified papers (Secs. 118.052 and 118.060,
12 Local Government Code):

13 (i) for the clerk's certificate (Sec.
14 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$5; and

15 (ii) a fee per page or part of a page (Sec.
16 118.052, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

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

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

22 (E) safekeeping of wills (Secs. 118.052 and
23 118.062, Local Government Code) . . . \$5;

24 (F) mail service of process (Secs. 118.052 and
25 118.063, Local Government Code) . . . same as sheriff; and

26 (G) records management and preservation fee
27 (Secs. 118.052, 118.0546, and 118.0645, Local Government

1 Code) . . . \$5;

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

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

8 (7) additional filing fee for filing documents not
9 subject to certain filing fees to fund the courthouse security
10 fund, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Sec.
11 291.008, Local Government Code) . . . \$1;

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

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

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

26 (11) on the filing of a civil suit an additional filing
27 fee to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the

1 judiciary (Sec. 133.1511(b) [~~133.154~~], Local Government
2 Code) . . . \$42;

3 (12) statewide electronic filing system fund fee (Sec.
4 133.1511(a)(2), Local Government Code) . . . \$30;

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

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

11 (15) a filing fee in each civil case filed to be used
12 for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary (Sec.
13 133.1511(d), Government Code) . . . \$40.

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

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

18 (1) the cost of a special program that a court may
19 order a child to attend after a finding that the child committed an
20 offense, if ordered by the court (Art. 45.057, Code of Criminal
21 Procedure) . . . costs of the program not to exceed \$100;

22 (2) additional filing fees:

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

25 (B) for filing any civil action or proceeding
26 requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of
27 any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or

1 third-party action requiring a filing fee, to fund civil legal
2 services for the indigent (Sec. 133.1512(1) [~~133.153~~], Local
3 Government Code) . . . \$6;

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

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

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

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

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

19 (5) additional filing fee to fund judicial and court
20 personnel training (Sec. 133.1512(3), Local Government Code) . . .
21 \$5.

22 SECTION 30. Section 103.0212, Government Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

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

- 1 (1) in family matters:
- 2 (A) issuing writ of withholding (Sec. 8.262,
- 3 Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 4 (B) filing copy of writ of withholding to
- 5 subsequent employer (Sec. 8.267, Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 6 (C) issuing and delivering modified writ of
- 7 withholding or notice of termination (Sec. 8.302, Family Code) . . .
- 8 \$15;
- 9 (D) issuing and delivering notice of termination
- 10 of withholding (Sec. 8.303, Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 11 (E) issuance of change of name certificate (Sec.
- 12 45.106, Family Code) . . . \$10;
- 13 (F) protective order fee (Sec. 81.003, Family
- 14 Code) . . . \$16;
- 15 (G) ~~[filing suit requesting adoption of child~~
- 16 ~~(Sec. 108.006, Family Code) . . . \$15;~~
- 17 ~~(H)~~ filing fees for suits affecting
- 18 parent-child relationship (Sec. 110.002, Family Code):
- 19 (i) suit or motion for modification (Sec.
- 20 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 21 (ii) motion for enforcement (Sec. 110.002,
- 22 Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 23 (iii) notice of application for judicial
- 24 writ of withholding (Sec. 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 25 (iv) motion to transfer (Sec. 110.002,
- 26 Family Code) . . . \$15;
- 27 (v) petition for license suspension (Sec.

1 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15;

2 (vi) motion to revoke a stay of license

3 suspension (Sec. 110.002, Family Code) . . . \$15; and

4 (vii) motion for contempt (Sec. 110.002,

5 Family Code) . . . \$15;

6 (H) [~~(I)~~] order or writ of income withholding to

7 be delivered to employer (Sec. 110.004, Family Code) . . . not to

8 exceed \$15;

9 (I) [~~(J)~~] filing fee for transferred case (Sec.

10 110.005, Family Code) . . . \$45;

11 (J) [~~(K)~~] filing a writ of withholding (Sec.

12 158.319, Family Code) . . . \$15;

13 (K) [~~(L)~~] filing a request for modified writ of

14 withholding or notice of termination (Sec. 158.403, Family

15 Code) . . . not to exceed \$15;

16 (L) [~~(M)~~] filing an administrative writ to

17 employer (Sec. 158.503, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$15; and

18 (M) [~~(N)~~] genetic testing fees in relation to a

19 child born to a gestational mother (Sec. 160.762, Family Code) . . .

20 as assessed by the court; and

21 (2) in juvenile court:

22 (A) fee schedule for deferred prosecution

23 services (Sec. 53.03, Family Code) . . . maximum fee of \$15 a month;

24 (B) a request fee for a teen court program (Sec.

25 54.032, Family Code) . . . \$20, if the court ordering the fee is

26 located in the Texas-Louisiana border region, but otherwise not to

27 exceed \$10;

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

3 (D) a juvenile delinquency prevention fee (Sec.
4 54.0461, Family Code) . . . \$50;

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

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

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

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

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

18 (J) a fee to cover the cost to the court of
19 administering a teen dating violence court program (Sec. 54.0325,
20 Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$10.

21 SECTION 31. Section 103.026, Government Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

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

26 (1) ~~[costs of determining and sending information~~
27 ~~concerning the identity of the court with continuing, exclusive~~

1 ~~jurisdiction if charged by the bureau of vital statistics (Sec.~~
2 ~~108.006, Family Code) . . . reasonable fee;~~

3 ~~(2)~~ initial operations fee paid to the domestic
4 relations office on each filing of an original suit affecting the
5 parent-child relationship, motion for modification, or motion for
6 enforcement, if authorized by the administering entity (Sec.
7 203.005, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$15;

8 (2) ~~(3)~~ initial child support service fee paid to
9 the domestic relations office in certain counties on the filing of
10 an original suit affecting the parent-child relationship, if
11 authorized by the administering entity (Sec. 203.005, Family Code)
12 . . . not to exceed \$36;

13 (3) ~~(4)~~ service fee for services of a domestic
14 relations office, if authorized by the administering entity (Sec.
15 203.005, Family Code) . . . not to exceed \$3 per month;

16 (4) ~~(5)~~ fee to reimburse a domestic relations office
17 for a fee paid for filing an administrative writ of withholding
18 (Secs. 158.503 and 203.005, Family Code) . . . the amount of the fee
19 paid;

20 (5) ~~(6)~~ fee from a Title IV-D agency for each item of
21 process to each individual on whom service is required, including
22 service by certified or registered mail (Sec. 231.202, Family Code)
23 . . . the amount that a sheriff or constable may charge for serving
24 process under Section 118.131, Local Government Code;

25 (6) ~~(7)~~ a fee for mailing an order vacating or
26 staying an order suspending a license to the appropriate licensing
27 authority (Sec. 232.013, Family Code) . . . \$5 for each order

1 mailed; and

2 (7) [~~(8)~~] a court cost paid by a party to a truancy
3 case, if ordered by a truancy court (Sec. 65.107, Family Code) . . .
4 \$50.

5 SECTION 32. Section 40.062, Human Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

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

10 (1) filing fee or fee for issuance or service of
11 process imposed by Section 110.002, Family Code, or by Section
12 51.317, 51.318(b)(2), or 51.319, Government Code;

13 (2) transfer fee imposed by Section 110.002 or
14 110.005, Family Code;

15 (3) court reporter fee imposed by Section 51.601,
16 Government Code;

17 (4) judicial fund fee imposed by Section 51.702,
18 Government Code, or Section 133.1511(c), Local Government Code;

19 (5) judge's fee imposed by Section 25.0008 or 25.0029,
20 Government Code;

21 (6) cost or security fee imposed by Section 53.051,
22 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or

23 (7) fee imposed by a county officer under Section
24 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code.

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

27 (b) The department is not required to pay any cost or fee

1 otherwise imposed for court proceedings or other services,
2 including:

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

6 (2) a court reporter service fee imposed by Section
7 51.601, Government Code;

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

10 (4) a judge's fee imposed by Section 25.0008 or
11 25.0029, Government Code;

12 (5) a cost or security fee imposed by Section 53.051,
13 53.052, 1053.051, or 1053.052, Estates Code; or

14 (6) a fee imposed by a county officer under Section
15 118.011 or 118.052, Local Government Code.

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

20 Sec. 133.004. CIVIL FEES. This chapter applies to the
21 following civil fees:

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

24 (2) the filing fee in district court for basic civil
25 legal services for indigents imposed under Section 133.151(a)(2)
26 [~~133.152~~];

27 (3) the filing fee in courts other than district court

1 for basic civil legal services for indigents imposed under Section
2 133.1511(a)(1) or 133.1512(1) [~~133.153~~];

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

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

9 (6) the filing fees for the judicial fund imposed in
10 [~~certain~~] statutory probate courts under Section 133.1511(e)
11 [~~51.704, Government Code~~];

12 (7) fees collected under Section 118.015;

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

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

18 (10) the filing fee for the judicial fund imposed in
19 district court, statutory county court, and county court under
20 Section 133.151(a)(3) or 133.1511(b) [~~Section 133.154~~]; [~~and~~]

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

25 (12) [~~(11)~~] the portion of the civil or administrative
26 penalty described by Section 707.008(a)(1), Transportation Code,
27 imposed by a local authority to enforce compliance with the

1 instructions of a traffic-control signal.

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

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

6 (1) for the judicial fund;

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

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

11 (4) under Section 133.1511(a)(3) or 133.1512(3)
12 [51.971, Government Code].

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

15 Sec. 133.151. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING A CIVIL SUIT
16 IN DISTRICT COURT. (a) In addition to each fee collected under
17 Section 51.317(b)(1), Government Code, the clerk of a district
18 court shall collect the following fees on the filing of any civil
19 action or proceeding requiring a filing fee and on the filing of any
20 counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or
21 third-party action requiring a filing fee [suit]:

22 (1) [~~\$45 for family law cases and proceedings as~~
23 ~~defined by Section 25.0002, Government Code, and~~

24 [~~2~~] \$50 to be used as provided by Subsection (c) [for
25 any case other than a case described by Subdivision (1)];

26 (2) \$10 to be used as provided by Section 133.152;

27 (3) \$42 to be used as provided by Section 133.154;

1 (4) \$30 to be used as provided by Section 51.851,
2 Government Code;

3 (5) \$5 to be used as provided by Section 51.971,
4 Government Code; and

5 (6) \$5 court costs fee to be deposited in the appellate
6 justice system fund appropriate for the appellate district in which
7 the court is located to be used as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter
8 22, Government Code.

9 (b) The fees under Subsection (a)(1) [~~(a)~~] shall be
10 collected and remitted to the comptroller in the manner provided by
11 Subchapter B.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 37. Subchapter D, Chapter 133, Local Government
24 Code, is amended by adding Sections 133.1511 and 133.1512 to read as
25 follows:

26 Sec. 133.1511. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING CIVIL SUIT
27 IN STATUTORY COUNTY COURT, STATUTORY PROBATE COURT, OR COUNTY

1 COURT. (a) The clerk of a statutory county court, statutory
2 probate court, or a county court shall collect the following fees on
3 the filing of any civil action or proceeding and on the filing of
4 any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or
5 third-party action requiring a filing fee:

6 (1) \$10 to be used as provided by Section 133.153;

7 (2) \$30 to be used as provided by Section 51.851,
8 Government Code;

9 (3) \$5 to be used as provided by Section 51.971,
10 Government Code; and

11 (4) \$5 court costs fee to be deposited in the appellate
12 justice system fund appropriate for the appellate district in which
13 the court is located to be used as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter
14 22.

15 (b) The clerk of a statutory county court or a county court
16 shall collect a fee of \$42 on the filing of any suit to be used as
17 provided by Section 133.154.

18 (c) The clerk of a statutory county court shall collect a
19 \$40 filing fee in each civil case filed in the court to be used for
20 court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary as provided
21 by Section 51.702, Government Code.

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

1 Code.

2 (e) In addition to all other fees authorized or required by
3 other law, the clerk of a statutory probate court shall collect a
4 \$40 filing fee in each probate, guardianship, mental health, or
5 civil case filed in the court to be used for court-related purposes
6 for the support of the judiciary.

7 Sec. 133.1512. CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE ON FILING CIVIL SUIT
8 IN JUSTICE COURT. The clerk of a justice court shall collect the
9 following fees on the filing of any civil action or proceeding
10 requiring a filing fee and on the filing of any counterclaim,
11 cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action
12 requiring a filing fee:

13 (1) \$6 to be used as provided by Section 133.153;

14 (2) \$10 to be used as provided by Section 51.851(c),
15 Government Code; and

16 (3) \$5 to be used as provided by Section 51.971,
17 Government Code.

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

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

23 (c) The comptroller shall deposit the fees received under
24 Section 133.151(a)(2) to the credit of the basic civil legal
25 services account of the judicial fund for use in programs approved
26 by the supreme court that provide basic civil legal services to an
27 indigent.

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

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

6 (c) The comptroller shall deposit the fees received under
7 Section 133.151(a)(3) to the credit of the basic civil legal
8 services account of the judicial fund for use in programs approved
9 by the supreme court that provide basic civil legal services to an
10 indigent.

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

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

17 SECTION 41. The following sections are repealed:

- 18 (1) Section 108.006, Family Code;
- 19 (2) Section 51.702(a), Government Code;
- 20 (3) Section 51.703(a), Government Code;
- 21 (4) Section 51.704(a), Government Code;
- 22 (5) Section 51.851(b), Government Code;
- 23 (6) Sections 101.06111, 101.08111, 101.0813,
24 101.10111, 101.12121, and 101.1411, Government Code;
- 25 (7) Sections 102.042, 102.062, and 102.103,
26 Government Code;
- 27 (8) Section 152.0522, Human Resources Code;

- 1 (9) Section 152.1752(d), Human Resources Code;
- 2 (10) Sections 152.1874 and 152.2496, Human Resources
- 3 Code;
- 4 (11) Section 133.152(a), Local Government Code;
- 5 (12) Section 133.153(a), Local Government Code; and
- 6 (13) Section 133.154(a), Local Government Code.

7 SECTION 42. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.