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H.B. No. 1950

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the consolidated municipal court security and technology fund in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Article 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) The courthouse security fund is a fund in the county treasury, and, except as provided in Subsection (g), the municipal court building security fund is a fund in the municipal treasury. The funds consist of money allocated to the funds under Sections 134.101, 134.102, 134.103, 135.101, and 135.102, Local Government Code.

(g) This section does not apply to a municipality with a population of less than 100,000.

SECTION 2. Article 102.0172, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the ~~[The]~~ municipal court technology fund is a fund in the municipal treasury. The fund consists of money allocated to the fund under Section 134.103, Local Government Code.

(d) This section does not apply to a municipality with a population of less than 100,000.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.0175 to read as follows:

Art. 102.0175. CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY FUND. (a) This section applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 100,000.

(b) The consolidated municipal court building security and technology fund is a fund in the municipal court treasury. The fund consists of money allocated to the fund under Section 134.103, Local Government Code.

(c) Money deposited in a consolidated municipal court building security and technology fund may be used only for the purposed authorized under:

(1) Article 102.017(b) or (c) for use of a municipal court technology fund; or

(2) Article 102.0172(b) for use of a municipal court technology fund.

(d) The consolidated municipal court building security and technology fund shall be administered by or under the direction of the governing body of the municipality.

SECTION 4. Section 134.103(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The treasurer shall allocate the court costs received under this section to the following accounts and funds so that each receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have received if the court costs for the accounts and funds had been

collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund may not receive less than the following percentages:

(1) The courthouse security fund, ~~[or]~~ municipal court building security fund, or consolidated municipal court building security and technology fund, as appropriate 35 percent;

(2) The local youth diversion fund 35.7143 percent;

(3) The justice court technology fund, ~~[or]~~ municipal court technology fund, or consolidated municipal court building security and technology fund, as appropriate 28.5714 percent; and

(4) The county or municipal jury fund, as appropriate 0.7143 percent.

SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a fee on conviction collected on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee on conviction collected before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the fee was collected, and the former law is continued in effect for what purpose.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.