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S.B. No. 287

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the elimination of certain court fees and costs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 102.101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.101. ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION IN JUSTICE COURT: CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. A clerk of a justice court shall collect fees and costs under the Code of Criminal Procedure on conviction of a defendant as follows:

(1) a jury fee (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;

(2) a fee for withdrawing request for jury less than 24 hours before time of trial (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;

(3) a jury fee for two or more defendants tried jointly (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . one jury fee of \$3;

(4) a security fee on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$4;

(5) a fee for technology fund on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.0173, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$4;

(6) a juvenile case manager fee (Art. 102.0174, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5 if the court employs a juvenile case manager;

(7) a fee on conviction of certain offenses involving

1 issuing or passing a subsequently dishonored check or similar sight
2 order (Art. 102.0071, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to
3 exceed \$30; and

4 (8) ~~[a court cost on conviction of a Class C~~
5 ~~misdemeanor in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, if~~
6 ~~authorized by the county commissioners court (Art. 102.009, Code of~~
7 ~~Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$7; and~~

8 ~~[(9)]~~ a civil justice fee (Art. 102.022, Code of
9 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.10.

10 SECTION 2. Section 42.221(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (b) A petition for review of each appraisal review board
13 order under this section must be filed with the court as provided by
14 Section 42.21. ~~[The fee for filing each additional petition for~~
15 ~~review under this section after the first petition for review~~
16 ~~relating to the same property is filed for a tax year is \$5.]~~

17 SECTION 3. The following provisions are repealed:

- 18 (1) Article 102.009, Code of Criminal Procedure;
19 (2) Sections 101.0617, 101.0817, 101.1216, and
20 101.122(b), Government Code;
21 (3) Section 112.059(e), Transportation Code; and
22 (4) Article 6219, Revised Statutes.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.