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BROADBAND & CYBERSECURITY

HB 5
House Author: Ashby
Effective Date: 6/15/21
Senate Sponsor: Nichols

Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.

Summary: Creates the broadband development office (BDO) under the Office of the Texas Comptroller to serve as a resource for information regarding broadband, engage in outreach regarding broadband expansion and serve as a clearinghouse for federal programs offering assistance to local entities. To ensure Texas is best positioned to benefit from broadband programs administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the act grants the BDO the authority to monitor and participate in proceedings of the FCC related to the geographic availability and deployment of broadband service. HB 5 alters the membership of the Governor's Broadband Development Council by adding a **county clerk** and sheriff from a county with a population less than 60,000 and one nonvoting member appointed by the BDO.

HB 1118 House Author: Capriglione
Effective Date: 5/18/21 Senate Sponsor: Paxton

Relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.

Summary: Builds on the 86th Legislature's requirement that any county elected official, appointed official or employee who uses a computer to perform at least 25% of their official duties complete a cybersecurity awareness course designed by the Department of Information Resources. Institutes a new requirement that counties must stay in full compliance or lose criminal justice grants for two years; to help counties gain compliance, commissioners courts are granted authority to deny access to the system or database to a person who is not in compliance.

HB 3746 House Author: Capriglione
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Nelson

Relating to certain notification required following a breach of security of computerized data.

Summary: Amends the Business and Commerce Code to require that entities, including counties, reporting a breach of system security to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) provide the number of Texas residents receiving notification of the breach. The entities must notify the OAG if the breach involves at least 250 residents. HB 3746 places additional requirements on the OAG for public postings of breaches.



CIVIL LIABILITY

SB 45 Senate Author: Zaffirini
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Zwiener, et al.

Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.

Summary: Expands the definition of employer to include a person who employs one or more employees and adds sexual harassment liability to all employers. Additionally, an employer commits an unlawful employment practice if sexual harassment occurs, and the employer knows or should have known it was occurring and fails to take immediate appropriate action.



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COUNTY CLERKS

HB 840 House Author: Moody
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Blanco

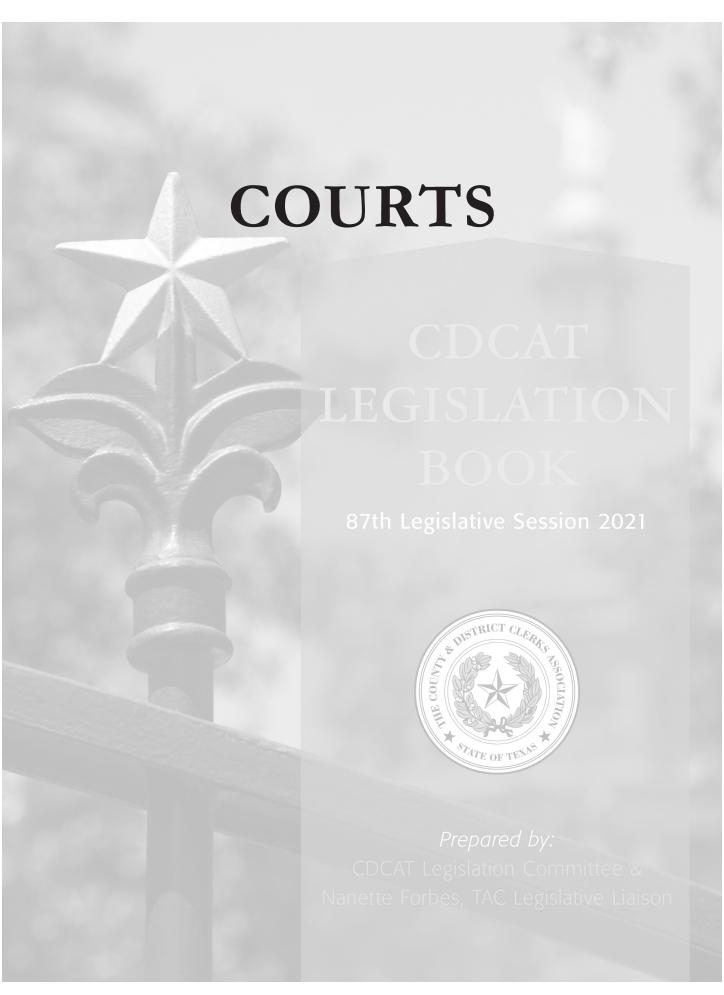
Relating to the selection of public members to serve on a county's salary grievance committee.

Summary: Amends the Local Government Code to modernize the process for selection of public members and alternates to serve on a county salary grievance committee. Current law provides for random selection of public members and alternates by a specified process under which the names of potential committee members are written on individual folded slips of paper, mixed and drawn from an appropriate container. HB 840 provides an optional alternative process by which a commissioners court may direct the county clerk to use a computer to generate a randomized list for the selection of public members and alternates to serve on a county salary grievance committee.

HB 1082 House Author: King
Effective Date: 5/19/21 Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to the availability of personal information of an elected public officer.

Summary: Amends current law to allow a county official to elect for the county to withhold certain personal information such as a home address or home telephone number from public disclosure. Government Code, § 552.117.



COURTS

HB 569 House Author: Sanford, et al. Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: West, et al.

Relating to credit toward payment of a fine and costs for certain misdemeanants confined in jail or prison before sentencing.

Summary: Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 45.014(e)(1)(D) to allow for defendants to pay for court fees and costs through time served in confinement on offenses other than the one they are charged with as long as the confinement occurred after commission of the misdemeanor. The credit would be applied to the amount of fine and costs at the rate of not less than \$150 for each day of confinement.

HB 1071 House Author: Harris, et al. Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to the presence of a qualified facility dog or qualified therapy dog in certain court proceedings.

Summary: Party may petition the court 14 days before a proceeding to allow a facility dog access to the courtroom during testimony.

HB 1706 House Author: Neave, et al. Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Huffman

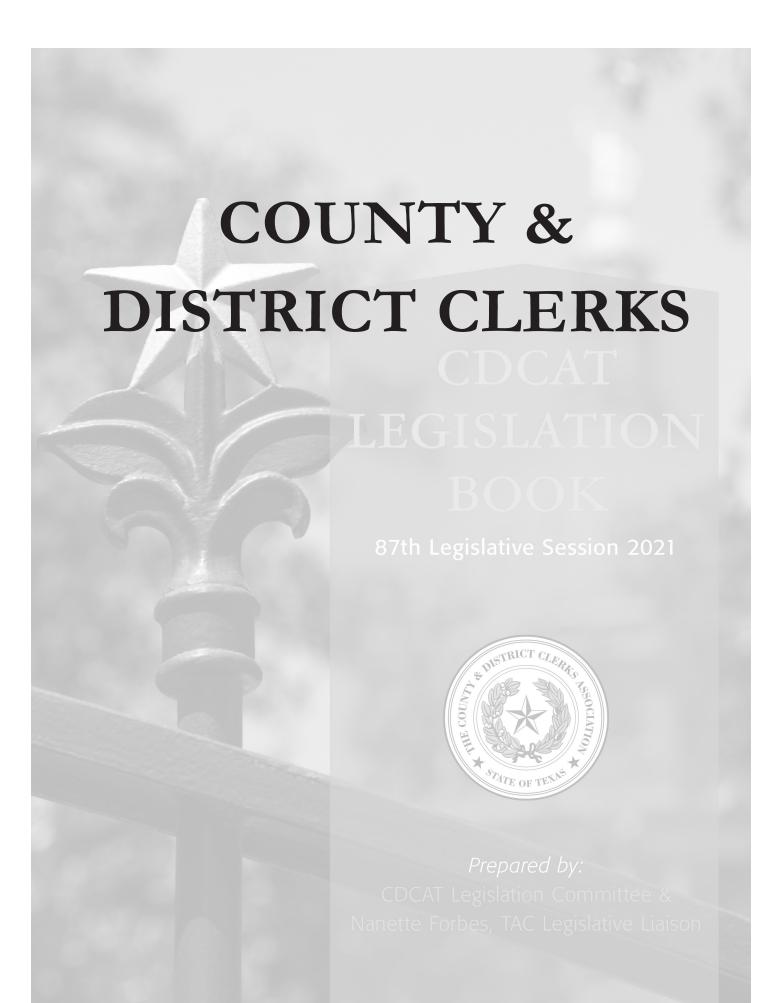
Relating to a specialty court program to provide victim services in sexual assault cases.

Summary: Creates another specialty court program for victim services - sexual assault victim services court program. Funded by the specialty court fee of \$25 for district clerks and \$20 for county clerks which is part of the consolidated criminal fees. Amended Government Code by adding Subtitle K-1.

SB 456 Senate Author: Lucio
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Leach

Relating to the donation of juror reimbursements.

Summary: Gives commissioners court the authority to establish a veteran county service office and allows for jurors to donate their daily reimbursement for jury service to the office.



COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERKS

HB 39 House Author: Neave
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to protective orders; making conforming changes.

Summary: Expands the types of protective orders that are civilly and criminally enforceable. Requires proof of service before certain default protective orders can be issued and allows default protective orders to be rendered without meeting certain civil procedure rules. The legislation also revises who can apply for certain protective orders relating to cases of sexual assault or abuse, stalking or trafficking, and who can apply to rescind them.

HB 39 also adds an admonishment to the text of every protective order issued under Section 85 of the Family Code. The addition states that if a person subjected to a protective order is released from confinement or imprisonment following the date the order would have expired, or if the order would have expired no later than the first anniversary of the date the person is released from confinement or imprisonment, the order is automatically extended to expire on 1) the first anniversary of the date the person is released, if the person was sentenced to confinement or imprisonment for a term of more than five years, or 2) the second anniversary of the date the person is released, if the person was sentenced to confinement or imprisonment for a term of five years or less.

IMPACT FOR CLERKS: Timely filing of proof of service to be provided to the court prior to hearing.

HB 766 House Author: Harless, et al.
Effective Date: 1/01/22 (See Remarks on effective dates) Senate Sponsor: Kolkhorst

Relating to the entry into the Texas Crime Information Center of certain information regarding orders imposing a condition of bond in a criminal case involving a violent offense.

Summary: The sheriff's office has to update Texas Crime Information Center on bond conditions with victim/protective order information. The court clerk that issues an order must send a copy of the order to any named person a condition of bond is intended to protect and, if different and applicable, to the victim of the alleged offense that the defendant to whom the order is directed has been released on bond not later than the next business day after the date the court issues the order.

Remarks: This act takes effect Jan. 1, 2022, except Section 2 takes effect Sept. 1, 2021.

HB 1514 House Author: Landgraf
Effective Date: 5/18/21 Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to the administration of unclaimed property.

Summary: Requires the clerk of the court that orders an executor or administrator to pay funds to the comptroller, to provide notification by certified mail or e-mail instead of by personal service of citation.

Amends the Estates Code, § 551.005(b).

HB 1831 House Author: Rogers
Effective Date: 5/15/21 Senate Sponsor: Buckingham

Relating to annual continuing education requirements for certain court clerks.

Summary: County and district clerks may carry over from the current calendar year to the following year not more than 10 hours of completed continuing education courses that exceed the 20 hours of continuing education required each year.

Amends the Government Code, §51.605, by adding Subsection (d).

HB 3774 House Author: Leach, et al.
Effective Date: 9/01/21 (See Remarks on effective dates.) Senate Sponsor: Huffman

Relating to the operation and administration of and practice and procedure related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government.

Summary: Makes numerous changes to the state's court system, amending both the Government Code and the Family Code:

- Creates Judicial District Courts in the counties of Bell, Cameron, Denton and Hays (effective Sept. 1, 2022); Harris, Hidalgo, McLennan and Smith (effective Jan. 1, 2023); Tarrant (effective Jan. 1, 2022); and Williamson (effective Oct. 1, 2022).
- Creates a Probate Court in Denton County. Provides that the County Court at Law No. 2 of Denton County has jurisdiction over all proceedings for eminent domain and direct and inverse condemnation cases.
- Increases the amount the state reimburses counties with statutory probate judges from \$40,000 annually to an annual amount equal to 60% of the annual base salary of a district judge.
- Creates County Courts at Law in Kendall County (effective Oct. 1, 2022) and McLennan, Montgomery and San Patricio counties (effective Jan. 1, 2023).

- Creates Brazoria County Criminal Magistrate Court, over which the commissioners court of Brazoria
 County, upon recommendation of the local administrative judge, may appoint one or more full or
 part-time criminal magistrates to preside. Allows for the judges of the district courts of Tom Green
 County, with the consent and approval of the commissioners court of Tom Green County, to jointly
 appoint the number of magistrates set by the commissioners court.
- Permits a judge or magistrate of a district court or statutory county court, who is authorized to hear criminal cases, to be appointed to preside over a regional specialty court program in certain circumstances.
- Requires clerks of the courts to use electronic filing systems to transfer cases and documents between courts. The Office of Court Administration is required to promulgate a transfer form in cooperation with the clerks' association. Amends the Family Code: § 155.207; § 51.3071; and § 51.403. Adds Government Code, § 72.037.
- Allows a juror to donate the amount of their juror reimbursement to a veteran's treatment program or a veteran's county service office established by the commissioners court. Amends Government Code, §§ 61.003(a) and (c).
- Changes the amount a judge is authorized to spend per meal for a juror serving on a jury in a civil case from \$3 to a "reasonable amount." Amends Government Code, § 62.020(b).
- Reduces the annual salary supplement affidavit requirement for a county judge from 40% to 18%. To receive the supplement, a county judge must certify that at least 18% of the functions the judge performs are judicial functions or that at least 18% of the judge's work hours are in the performance of judicial functions.

*Remarks: This Act takes effect September 1, 2021, except Sections 1.01, 1.03, 1.05, and 2.04(a) take effect January 1, 2022; Sections 1.06 and 1.10 take effect September 1, 2022; Sections 1.04, 1.08, 2.05, and 2.11 take effect October 1, 2022; and Sections 1.09, 2.09, and 2.10 take effect January 1, 2023. *Refer to bill for additional information on effective dates*.

SB 30 Senate Author: West, et al.
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Leach, et al.

Relating to the removal of certain discriminatory provisions from a recorded conveyance instrument.

Summary: Amends the Property Code to authorize a property owner or a person who has an interest in real property to request removal of discriminatory language in a conveyance document or instrument by completing and filing an affidavit form with the district clerk in the county where the real property is located, or with the clerk of another court having jurisdiction over the real property, requesting removal of the offensive language. The court, after reviewing, will issue a finding of fact and conclusion of law, which the court clerk will transfer to the county clerk for recording and indexing in the subject conveyance instrument or document filed. SB 30 prohibits the county clerk from collecting a fee for the filing.

SB 1179 Senate Author: Birdwell
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Anderson

Relating to the procedure for donating juror reimbursements.

Summary: List of entities for jurors to donate to shall be expanded to include a veteran's treatment court program. After jury service has concluded, each person who reported for service be given a form letter to donate all or part of their daily jury reimbursement pay to a veteran's treatment court program.

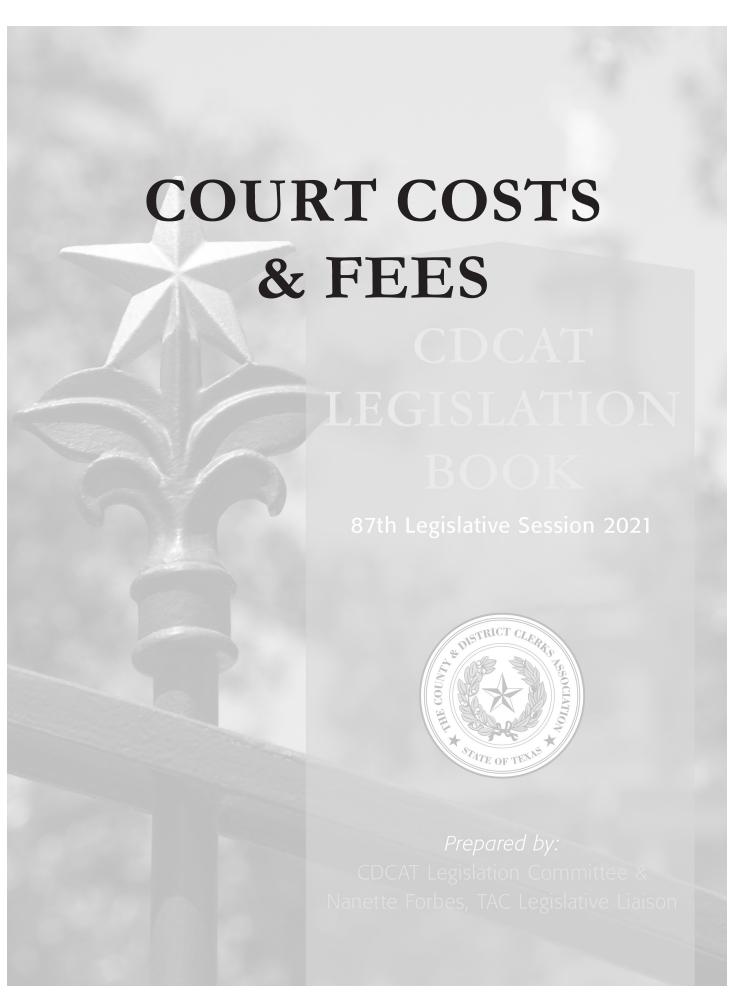
Amends Government Code, §§ 61.003 (a) and (e).

SB 456 Senate Author: Lucio
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Leach

Relating to the donation of juror reimbursements.

Summary: Adds veterans county service offices to the list of entities to which a juror may donate their daily reimbursement pay for jury service.

Amends Government Code, §§ 61.003 (a) and (c).



COURT COSTS & FEES

HB 3897 House Author: Thompson, Senfronia
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Birdwell

Relating to fees levied by municipalities and counties for certain alcoholic beverage licenses.

Summary: Restores counties' ability to collect certain fees. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) underwent substantial changes during the 86th Legislature's Texas Sunset Commission review process. Those changes included renaming, eliminating and combining several categories of permits and licenses under the Alcoholic Beverage Code. Additionally, TABC's permit and license fees were removed from statute and placed into rule, resulting in an inability for counties to collect the local fees associated with alcohol licensing and permits. HB 3897 restores counties' ability to collect up to 50% of a brewer's license or a brewer's self-distribution license established by rule.

SB 41 Senate Author: Zaffirini Effective Date: 1/01/22 House Sponsor: Leach

Relating to the consolidation and allocation of state civil court costs; increasing certain civil court costs; authorizing fees.

Summary: Consolidates civil/family new suit fees to change to \$137 to state and \$213 to county in <u>all</u> courts. Raises county court issuance fees to district court amounts. Sets electronic fees to .10 page, minimum \$1; sets appeal copies to \$1 per page; and, electronic to paper conversion \$1 per page. The consolidated fees include an increase to court security fee from \$5 to \$20; jury fee of \$10 charged on every case; court facility fee \$20; and records management accounts consolidated to \$30 with all under clerk's control (identical to criminal fee).

For additional and more detailed information, please see section in book titled SB 41.

SB 1373 Senate Author: Zaffirini
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: White, et al.

Relating to the imposition and collection of fines, fees, and court costs in criminal cases.

Summary: Passed by the 86th Legislature, HB 435 by Shaheen allowed judges to declare court costs and fees uncollectible under certain circumstances but failed to include fines. SB 1373 clarifies that fines, not just court costs and fees, may be deemed uncollectible if the defendant is dead or serving a life sentence, or if the fine remains unpaid after 15 years.

Additionally, SB 1373 clarifies that court costs include any fee modified or imposed after judgment. It also amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to make clear that judges are required to inquire on the record about the defendant's ability to pay in Class C misdemeanor cases.

The Office of Court Administration is required to create and make available the forms and materials by June 1, 2022.

Article 7B.001 of the Code of the Criminal Procedure, as amended, and Sec. 82.004 of the Family Code, as amended, apply only to applications for a protective order filed on or after <u>June 1, 2022</u>.

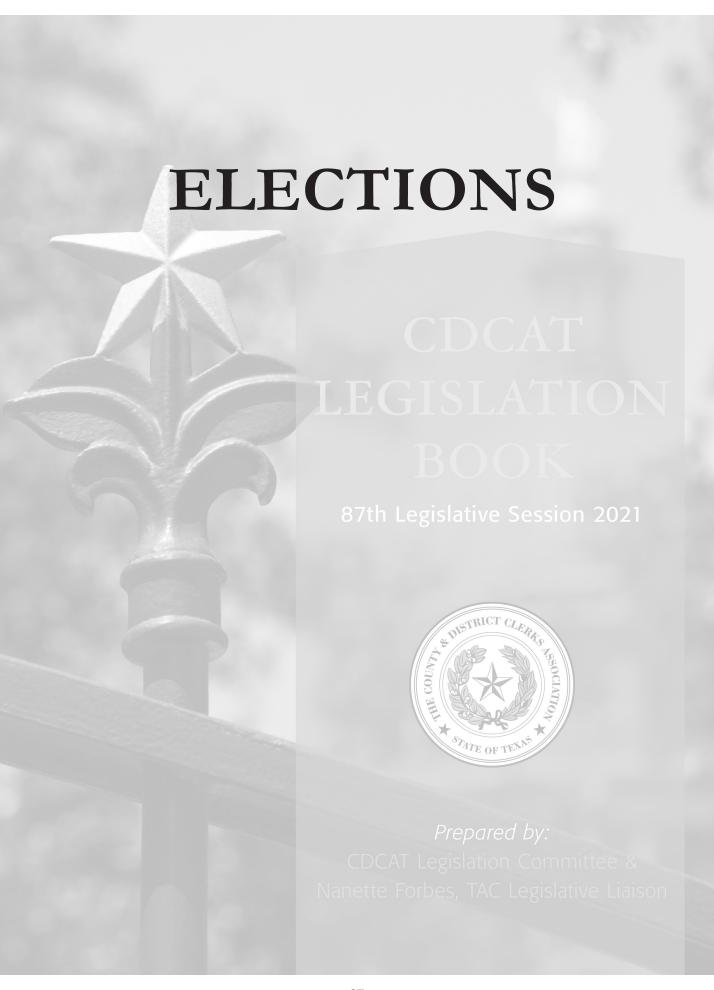
Articles 7B.003 and 17.292 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended, and Secs. 83.007 and 85.0225 of the Family Code, as added by SB 1373, apply only to orders issued on or after <u>June 1, 2022</u>.

SB 1923 Senate Author: Zaffirini
Effective: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Leach

Relating to certain criminal court costs, fines, and fees.

Summary: The bill corrects errors in SB 346 from last session.

- Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 41.152(b)(2), \$7 reimbursement fee deposited in general fund.
- Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 42A.303(d), defendant pays a reimbursement fee set by the judge, the clerk collects and remits to comptroller.
- Code of Criminal Procedure, adds Art. 101.004, defines conviction to include community supervision, deferred adjudication or deferred disposition (meaning we can charge the time payment fee on these case types).
- Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 102.018(c)(1), removes conviction restriction from expense involved in incident resulting from an accident response by a public agency.



ELECTIONS

HB 574House Author: BonnenEffective Date: 9/01/21Senate Sponsor: Taylor

Relating to the creation of criminal offenses involving elections.

Summary: Creates an offense of a felony in the second degree if a person knowingly or intentionally counts invalid votes, alters a report to include invalid votes, or to exclude valid votes.

HB 1264House Author: BellEffective Date: 9/01/21Senate Sponsor: Springer

Relating to the time for making required reports of deceased residents of this state to a voter registrar and to the secretary of state.

Summary: Requires the local registrar of deaths to file an abstract of a death certificate with the voter registrar of the decedents county of residence and the Office of the Secretary of State as soon as possible, but not later than the seventh day after the date the abstract is prepared.

HB 1382House Author: BucyEffective Date: 9/01/21Senate Sponsor: Hughes

Relating to the availability of certain information regarding early voting.

Summary: Requires the Office of Secretary of State to develop an online tool for early voting clerks that will enable a voter to track the location and status of their application for a ballot by mail and ballot voted by mail on the secretary of state's website and on a county's website if the early voting clerk is the county clerk of a county that maintains a website.

HB 1622House Author: GuillenEffective Date: 9/01/21Senate Sponsor: Hall

Relating to reporting of early voting rosters.

Summary: Requires the secretary of state to create and maintain a record of complaints against an early voting clerk who does not comply with the requirement of submitting the early voting roster or ballots received by

mail to the secretary of state not later than 11 a.m. the following day after received. The secretary of state shall maintain a record indicating early voting clerks who have failed to comply with the requirements.

HB 2283 House Author: King
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to the acceptance of certain gifts and donations for the administration of elections.

Summary: Prohibits a joint elections commission, county election commission and county election board from accepting contributions of \$1,000 or more, including the value of in-kind donations offered by private individuals; a business entity; corporation; partnership; trust; or another third party without the written consent of the secretary of state.

HB 3107House Author: ClardyEffective Date: 9/01/21Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to election practices and procedures.

Summary: Updates and modifies certain election practices and procedures on voter registration applications; training for election judges and clerks; written notice of ballot drawing; email submission of certain documents; contact information of the early voting clerk; requirements for bilingual early voting clerks. HB 3107 also modifies various other provisions of election practices and procedures, and repeals certain provisions of the election code to remove outdated language to comply with new requirements in legislation.

HB 3920House Author: DeanEffective Date: 9/01/21Senate Sponsor: Hall

Relating to an application to vote early by mail on the grounds of disability or confinement for childbirth.

Summary: Extends the application to vote early by mail on the grounds of a disability to include a voter who is expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day. Also, includes a list of reasons that would not constitute a disability and requires an applicant submitting an application for a ballot-by-mail on the grounds of a disability must agree to a statement confirming their disability and cannot appear in person at the polls on Election Day.

SB 23 Senate Author: Huffman
Effective Date: 1/01/2022 House Sponsor: Oliverson, et al.

Relating to an election to approve a reduction or reallocation of funding or resources for certain county law enforcement agencies.

Summary: Requires a county to hold an election in order to reduce a law enforcement agency's budget that is primarily responsible for policing, investigating and answering calls for service. A reduction will be calculated as an agency's percentage compared to the overall budget from the proposed fiscal year budget compared with the previous fiscal year. The bill excludes counties that have declined in population compared with the previous fiscal year and counties affected by certain declared natural disasters, as long as they maintain the overall percentage of funding for an agency compared with the new budget. The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor can receive complaints from citizens who believe a violation has occurred, and the comptroller may order an audit as a result.

SB 231Senate Author: SeligerEffective Date: 9/01/21House Sponsor: Cain

Relating to training for county election officers.

Summary: Requires the Office of the Secretary of State to provide a standardized training program and materials for county election officials.

SB 331 Senate Author: Johnson
Effective Date: 06/14/21 House Sponsor: Button, et al.

Relating to eligibility to serve as an interpreter in an election.

Summary: Allows an election officer to appoint an interpreter to assist a voter if the person has not selected an interpreter. SB 331 requires the interpreter to take the oath for interpreters, be a registered voter of the county in which the voter is needing assistance, or be a registered voter of an adjacent county.

SB 598Senate Author: KolkhorstEffective Date: 9/01/21House Sponsor: Jetton, et al.

Relating to auditable voting systems.

Summary: Applies to elections occurring after Aug. 31, 2026, which contain a race or measure that is voted on statewide, and in which a certain type of auditable voting system is used. SB 598 requires risk-limiting audits of election results within a 24-hour period before the time for conducting the canvass of the election. The legislation requires the Office of the Secretary of State to conduct a pilot program of the risk-limiting audit program beginning with the election on Nov. 8, 2022. The office is required to select at least five counties for the pilot program: at least one county must have a population of at least 500,000. The secretary of state may

use any available funds to assist counties with the purchase of an auditable voting system if funds are appropriated.

The state allocated \$34 million for reimbursements to counties for retrofitting or purchase of new auditable voting machines.

Senate Author: Bettencourt, et al.

Effective Date: 9/01/21

House Sponsor: Paul, et al.

Relating to the residence address of a voter for purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by the voter registrar.

Summary: Clarifies and defines "residence" as a person's permanent address. The act gives the voter registrar the authority to confirm a voter's residence address by sending a notice requesting confirmation of the voter's current address; the voter has 30 days in which to respond with documentation as to proof of residence.

Senate Author: Bettencourt

Effective Date: 9/01/21

House Sponsor: Cain

Relating to a registrar's failure to approve, change, or cancel voter registrations under applicable law.

Summary: Authorizes the Office of the Secretary of State to withhold Election Code, Chapter 19, funds if a voter registrar fails to timely perform their duty to approve, change, or cancel a voter's registration. The funds may be distributed if the voter registrar performs their duties not later than 30 days after the funds are withheld.

Senate Author: Bettencourt

Effective Date: 9/01/21

House Sponsor: Bucy

Relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election notices and results on an Internet Website.

Summary: Requires a county conducting an election or providing elections services that maintains a website to post certain information on its public website. For an election of public officials or a governmental entity authorized by law to impose a tax administered by the county, the county must post the date of the election, the location of each polling place, each candidate for an elected office on the ballot and each measure on the ballot. Such counties must post this information not later than the 21st day before an election.

SB 1134 Senate Author: Hughes
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Hefner

Relating to address confidentiality on certain documents for federal officials and family members of certain federal officials or federal or state court judges.

Summary: Requires the voter registrar to omit the applicant's residence address from the registration list for certain federal officials and family members of certain federal officials or federal or state court judges.

SB 1387 Senate Author: Creighton
Effective Date: 6/16/21 House Sponsor: Clardy

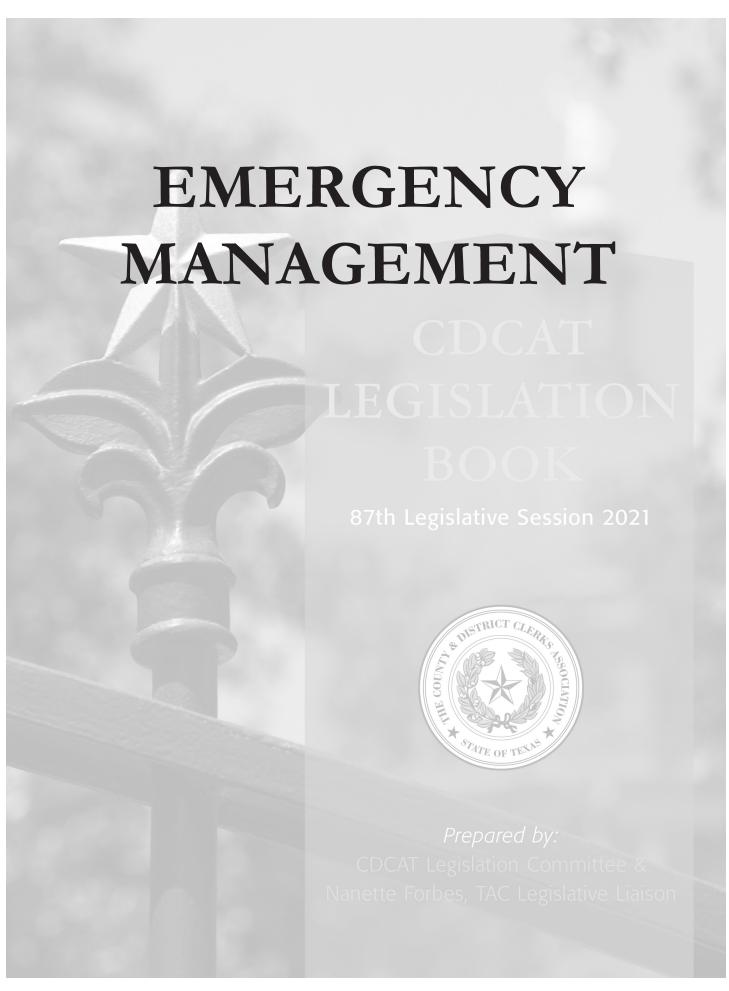
Relating to a requirement that a voting system used in an election in this state be manufactured, stored, and held in the United States by a company headquartered in the United States.

Summary: Requires voting systems and equipment used in Texas elections meet specific manufacturing requirements.

SB 1418 Senate Author: Schwertner
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Wilson

Relating to the compensation of the presiding judge of an early ballot voting board.

Summary: Allows the appropriate authority discretion to give the presiding election judge a higher rate of compensation than the early voting ballot board members.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SB 1225 Senate Author: Huffman
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Paddie, et al.

Relating to the authority of a governmental body impacted by a catastrophe to temporality suspend the requirements of the public information law.

Summary: Authorizes a county to suspend application of the Public Information Act for no more than 14 days when impacted by a catastrophe. A county may only suspend the act once per disaster.

SB 1343 Senate Author: Taylor
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Bonnen

Relating to certain meetings of a commissioners court during a disaster or emergency.

Summary: Authorizes the commissioners court of a county for which the governor has declared a disaster to hold an open or closed meeting, including via telephone, solely to deliberate about disaster or emergency conditions. The county must make a reasonable attempt to provide public notice.



FAMILY

HB 567 House Author: Frank, et al.
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Hughes

Relating to the procedures and grounds for terminating the parent-child relationship, for taking possession of a child, and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Summary: The bill remedies various due process deficiencies in the Child Protective Services (CPS) system. The bill is included on the list for informational purposes.

HB 867 House Author: Thompson, S. Effective Date: 9/1/21 Senate Sponsor: Hughes

Relating to the issuance of a qualified domestic relations order for the payment of spousal maintenance and child support obligations.

Summary: Some non-substantive changes; adds qualified domestic relations order under Subchapter H and the response to the motion. May not increase maintenance to an amount or duration that exceeds the amount or remaining duration of the original maintenance order. The court that rendered an order for payment or obtains jurisdiction, has continuing jurisdiction to render the QDRO.



JUVENILE

HB 80	House Author: Johnson, et al.
Effective Date: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to the discharge of certain defendants of fines and costs through community service.

Summary: Prohibits a judge or justice from ordering a youth to pay any amount in fines or costs if the youth is in foster care or under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services. In lieu of payment of the fines and costs, the justice or judge may require the defendant to perform community service. Adds Code Criminal Procedure, art. 45.041(b-6).

HB 454	House Author: Metcalf
Effective Date: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.

Summary: Gives the commissioners court the authority to establish a juvenile family drug court program. Funding sources include exploring the possibility of using court improvement project money, availability of federal and state funding.

HB 1401	House Author: Johnson
Effective Date: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Huffman

Relating to methods to send applications and orders for sealing juvenile records.

Summary: Would allow applications for the sealing of an individual's juvenile records to be sent to the court by any reasonable method authorized under Rule 21 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, including secure electronic means.

HB 1401 also would authorize court clerks to send copies of sealing orders to entities by secure electronic means and would eliminate specific authority to send copies by regular mail or e-mail.

HB 2669	House Author: Guillen
Effective Date: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to the confidentiality of a child's criminal records related to certain misdemeanor offenses.

Summary: Ensures the confidentiality of records relating to a child who is charged with or convicted of a fine-only misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or whose conviction for such an offense is appealed.

Clerk Impact: Fine-only misdemeanor records are confidential.



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PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIPS, MENTAL HEALTH

HB 79 House Author: Murr
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to associate judges for guardianship proceedings and protective services proceeding in certain courts.

Summary: This subchapter applies only with respect to:

- (1) a county court with jurisdiction over guardianship proceedings or protective services proceedings;
- (2) a statutory county court with jurisdiction over:
 - (A) guardianship proceedings, other than a court created by statute and designated as a statutory probate court under Chapter 25; or
 - (B) a protective services proceedings.

The presiding judge of each administrative judicial region, after conferring with the judges of courts to which this subchapter applies in the region, shall determine whether those courts require the appointment of a full-time or part-time associate judge to assist the courts with certain duties.

HB 1213	House Author: Darby
Effective Date: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Seliger

Relating to court reporter costs incurred in a hearing or proceeding for the involuntary detention of a person with mental illness.

Summary: Adds court reporter costs to the list of expenses eligible for reimbursement to a county that conducted an involuntary detention hearing for a person with mental illness. Under current law, a county that houses a state hospital is required to pay such costs.

HB 1296	House Sponsor: Metcalf
Effective: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to the provision of certain notices in guardianship proceedings.

Summary:

- Addition 1 If a court made a motion to transfer a guardianship, the guardian shall be given notice by certified mail to appear and show cause why the guardianship should not be transferred.
- Addition 2 The guardian shall be given notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to appear and contest the request for removal under this subsection at a time and place set in the notice.

HB 1297	House Sponsor: Metcalf
Effective Date: 9/01/21	Senate Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to service of process on institutions and organizations in certain probate proceedings.

Summary: For a will construction suit, the party bringing the suit shall serve an institution or organization that is a necessary party to the suit under the Estates Code, Section 55.052, in the manner provided by this title for service on other parties.

HB 3394 House Author: Metcalf
Effective Date: 9/01/21 Senate Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to determining the incapacity of a guardian.

Summary: If there is probable cause to believe a guardian is an incapacitated person, a court may, on the court's own motion or on complaint of an interested person, appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the ward's interests as provided by Estates Code, Section 1054.007, and a court investigator or guardian ad litem to investigate whether the guardian should be removed under Subsection (a)(5)(A).

SB 615 Senate Author: Zaffirini
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Leach

Relating to probate and guardianship matters and proceedings and other matters involving probate courts.

Summary: In a civil action, including a probate or guardianship proceeding, filed in a district court, county court, [or] statutory county court, or statutory probate court, each party or the party's attorney shall include in its initial pleading:

- (1) the last three numbers of the party's driver's license number, if the party has been issued a driver's license; and
- (2) the last three numbers of the party's social security number, if the party has been issued a social security number.

Adds language to transfer the file in electronic or paper form.

The transmittal under Subsection (b) of the original file and the certified copy of the index may be in electronic or paper form, except that an original will be filed in the probate proceeding, if any, must be delivered to the court to which the proceeding is transferred.

Amends Section 30.014(a), Civil Practices and Remedies Code; Amends Sections 33.101, 33.102 (a), 33.103, 51.003(b), 202.054, 351.351, 404.0036(b) 404.005, 452.006, 503.002, 1023.006, 1023.007, 1051.003(b), 1054, 1054.201, 1101.001(b), 1101.153(a), 1251.005, 1251.153, 1253.001, and adds Section 1151.005 Estates Code; Amends Section 25.006, 25.0027, 74.141, 81.114, 155.205(b), and adds Section 25.00231, Government Code.

SB 692 Senate Author: Zaffirini
Effective: 5/30/21 House Sponsor: Smithee

Relating to access to certain financial records by the guardianship abuse, fraud, and exploitation deterrence program.

Summary: The program may request the court, in which the guardianship is pending, to order a financial institution or other person who possesses the financial records described by new language in Government Code, Subsection (a), to provide the records to the program. Adds Government Code, § 72.1221.

SB 1129 Senate Author: Zaffirini
Effective Date: 9/01/21 House Sponsor: Neave

Relating to guardianships, alternatives to guardianship, and supports and services for incapacitated persons.

Summary: Requires the acceptance of certain guardianship transfers by courts, specify jurisdiction in guardianship transfers by courts, specify jurisdiction in guardianship transfers, specify judge liability in the transferring and recipient courts, modify mediation proceeding requirements, and require the establishment of a guardianship mediation training course by the Office of Court administration, among other provisions.

Amends Section 1023.005, 1023.008, 1055.151, 1055.152, and adds Section 1023.011 to the Estates Code; Adds Subchapter G, Chapter 155, Government Code.

SENATE BILL 41 SPREADSHEETS

Consolidation and allocation of state civil court costs; increasing certain civil court costs; authorizing fees.

Includes the following spreadsheets:

- Clerks' Civil Filing Fees Effective 1/01/2022
- Actions Within Existing Cases Effective 1/01/2022
- Probate, Guardianship, Mental Health Cases Effective 1/01/2022
- Actions Within Existing Cases Effective 1/01/2022
- Statute Definitions
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CLERKS' CIVIL FILING FEES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

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PAGE / LINE	EXISTING BASE STATUTES REPEALED	EXISTING FEE 12/31/2021	NEW BASE STATUTES - CONSOLIDATED LGC Subchapter C Section 135.101(b)	NEW FEE BREAKDOWN 1/1/2022
7/7	Appellate judicial system fund GC Chapter 22	\$5.00	appellate judicial system fund (1) 2.3474%	\$5.00
7/9	New for most counties	\$15.00 to \$20.00	Court facility fee fund (2) 9.3897%	\$20.00
7/10	Clerk of the court GC 51.317(b)(1); LGC 118.052(1)(A)(ii), 118.055	\$50/\$40	Clerk of the court account (3) 23.4742%	\$50.00
7/11	Records management and preservation account - District GC 51.317(b)(4), (c)(1) and (c)(2), and County LGC 118.0546 (118.052).	\$10/\$5	County records management and preservation account (4) 14.0845%	\$30.00
7/13	Court Reporter Service Fee GC 51.601(a), (a-1), (b), (e)	\$15.00 to \$30.00	Court reporter service fund (5) 11.7371%	\$25.00
7/14	County law library fund LGC 323.023	\$35.00	County law library fund (6) 16.4319%	\$35.00
7/15	Courthouse security fund LGC 291.008	\$5.00	Courthouse security fund (7) 9.3897%	\$20.00
7/16	New	\$-	Language access fund (8) 1.4085%	\$3.00
7/17	New	\$-	County jury fund (9) 4.6948%	\$10.00
7/18	County dispute resolution fund - optional CPRC 152.004	\$15.00	County dispute resolution fund (10) 7.0423% (If none, send to State)	\$15.00
6/21	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			\$213.00
2/16	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down-page 3/4)		\$137.00
	TOTAL FILING FEE			\$350.00

ACTIONS WITHIN EXISTING CASES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

PAGE / LINE	EXISTING BASE STATUTES REPEALED	EXISTING FEE 12/31/2021	NEW BASE STATUTES - CONSOLIDATED LGC Subchapter C Section 135.101(b)	NEW FEE BREAKDOWN 1/1/2022
7/27	Clerk of the court GC 51.317(b)(2)	\$15.00	Clerk of the court account (1) 42.8571%	\$15.00
7/11	Records management and preservation account - District GC 51.317(b)(4), (c)(1) and (c)(2), and County LGC 118.0546.	\$10.00	County records management and preservation account (2) 57.1429%	\$20.00
6/23	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			\$35.00
2/19	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down-3/4)		\$45.00
	TOTAL FILING FEE			\$80.00

PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIP, MENTAL HEALTH CASES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022

PAGE / LINE	EXISTING BASE STATUTES REPEALED	EXISTING FEE 12/31/2021	NEW BASE STATUTES - CONSOLIDATED LGC Subchapter C Section 135.102(b)	NEW FEE BREAKDOWN 1/1/2022
8/22	Appellate Court Fee GC 22.2021(b) for the 1st & 14th Appeals District	\$5.00	Appellate judicial system fund (1) 2.2422%	\$5.00
8/24	New for most counties	\$20.00	Court facility fee fund (2) 8.9686%	\$20.00
8/25	Clerk Fee LGC 118.052(2)(A)(i), 118.0645	\$40.00	Clerk of the court account (3) 17.9372%	\$40.00
8/26	Records Management LGC 118.0645 (118.052)	\$10.00	Records management and preservation fund (4) 67.265%	\$15.00
9/1	Court Reporter Fee GC 51.601	\$15.00	Court reporter service fund (5) 11.2108%	\$25.00
9/2	Law Library LGC 323.023(a)	\$35.00	County law library fund (6) 15.6951%	\$35.00
9/3	Courthouse Security fee LGC 291.008(a)	\$5.00	Courthouse security fund (7) 8.9686%	\$20.00
9/4	NEW	ZERO	Language access fund (8) 1.3453%	\$3.00
9/5	NEW	ZERO	County Jury fund (9) 4.4841%	\$10.00
9/6	NEW	ZERO	County dispute resolution fund (10) 6.7265% (if none send to State)	\$15.00
9/8	Court-initiated guardianship fee LGC 118.052 (2)(E) 118.067	\$20.00	Court-initiated guardianship fund (11) 8.9686%	\$20.00
9/10	Judicial Training LGC 118.052((2)(A)(vi) 118.064 and Judge Fee LGC 118.101	\$5.00 + \$2.00	Judicial education and support fund (12) 2.2422%	\$5.00
9/12	NEW	ZERO	Public probate administrator fund (13) 4.4843% (for Statutory Probate Courts per GC 25.00251. All other Probate Courts will collect the fee under Court-initiated guardianship fund) ******	\$10.00
	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE	ZLINO	14.14)	
8/8	EGG. IE GONGOLIDATED TEE			\$223.00
2/16	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down)		\$137.00
	TOTAL FILING FEE			\$360.00

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9/21	Clerk of the court LGC 118.052(2)(C) and 118.057	\$40.00	Clerk of the court account (3) 53.3333%	\$40.00	
9/22	Records Management Fee LGC 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00	County records management and preservation account (4) 6.6667%	\$5.00	
9/24	Court-initiated guardianship fee LGC 118.052 (2)(E) 118.067	\$20.00	Court-initiated guardianship fund (11) 26.6667%	\$20.00	
9/26	NEW	ZERO	Public probate administrator fund (13) 13.3333% (for Statutory Probate Courts per GC 25.00251. All other Probate Courts will collect the fee under Court-initiated guardianship fund) ******	\$10.00	
8/10	LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE			\$75.00	
2/19	STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE	(State will break down 3/4)		\$45.00	
	TOTAL FILING FEE	•		\$120.00	

STATUTE DEFINITIONS

PAGE / LINE	FEE NAME	STATUTE	DESCRIPTION	FEE AMOUNT
10/20-25	Maintenance of funds and accounts	LGC 135.151	Instructs the county treasurer that all money allocated under sections 135.101, 135.102 and 135.103 will be used only for the purposes provided by this subchapter (addresses unconstitutional fees issue - the results of which could be a refund of a fee, possibly to all parties charged).	n/a
11/2-9	Court facility fee fund	LGC 135.152	May be used by a county only to fund the construction, renovation, or improvement of facilities that house the courts or to pay the principal of, interest on, and costs of issuance of bond, including refunding bonds, issued for the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities.	
11/10-14	Clerk of the court account	LGC 135.153	May be used by a county only to defray costs of services provided by a county or district clerk.	
11/15-22	County records management and preservation account	LGC 135.154	May be used by a county only to fund records management and preservation services, including automation, performed by the court clerk on approval by the commissioners court of a budget as provided by Chapter 111. An expenditure from the fund must comply with Subchapter C, Chapter 262 (competitive bid process). Note the singular use of "the court clerk" = the clerk that collects the funds is the only one that can spend the funds.	
11/24-27 and 12/1	Language access fund	LGC 135.155	May be used by a county only to provide language access services for individuals appearing before the court or receiving court services.	
12/2-6	County jury fund	LGC 135.156	May be used by a county only to fund juror reimbursements and otherwise finance jury services.	

12/7-21	County dispute resolution fund	LGC 135.157	May be used by a county only to establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system in accordance with Chapter 152, CPRC. The fund shall be administered by the commissioners court. The system shall be operated at one or more convenient and accessible places in the county. (b) if a county has not established an alternative dispute resolution system, the money shall be remitted to the comptroller and the comptroller shall allocate the money to the statewide electronic filing system fund.	
12/22-26 and 13/1-7	Court-Initiated guardianship fund	LGC 135.158	May be used by a county only to supplement other available funds to: pay the compensation of a guardian ad litem appointed by a court under Section 1102-002, Estates Code; (2) pay the compensation of an attorney ad litem appointed by a court to represent a proposed ward in a guardianship proceeding and fund local guardianship programs that provide guardians for indigent incapacitated persons who do not have family members suitable and willing to serve as guardians.	
13/8-19	Judicial education and support fund	LGC 135.159	May be used by a county only to pay: (1) continuing education of judge and staff in probate court, including travel and related expenses. Organization must be accredited by the supreme court; or the county's contribution to fund the compensation for the presiding judge of the statutory probate court.	
13/20-27	Public probate administrator fund	LGC 135.160	May be used by a county only to support the office of public probate administrator established under Chapter 455, Estates code. A county that does not appoint a public probate administrator, shall deposit the money to the court-initiated guardianship fund.	
14/9-10 and 25-27	Appellate judicial system fund	GC 22.229	An appellate judicial system fund is established for each court of appeals. (d) the county treasurer shall monthly forward the money collected to the clerk of the court of appeals serving the county.	
19/6-14	District clerk contingency fund	GC 51.302(e) amended	Repeals the additional filing fee.	\$5.00
21/19-26	eFiling fee	GC 51.851(b) amended	District and county courts removed from collecting eFiling fee in this statute. In consolidated fee	\$30.00
22/10-20	County clerk contingency fund	LGC 82.003(c) amended	Repeals the additional filing fee.	\$5.00

Services

PAGE / LINE	SERVICE	STATUTE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
20/2-4	Search fee	GC 51.318(b)(3) and (4) amended	Search files or records to find a cause number or existence of an instrument or record. Combines 3 and 4 into one fee.	\$5.00
20/8-9	Preparation of clerk's record on appeal	GC 51.318(b)(5) new	For preparation of the clerk's record on appeal, for each page or part of a page.	\$1.00
20/10	Approving a bond	GC 51.318(b)(6) amended	Increases the fee from \$4 to \$5	\$5.00
20/13	Certified copy on paper	GC 51.318(b)(7) amended	Certified copy on paper, for each page or part of a page	\$1.00
20/14	Certificate and Seal	GC 51.318(b)(7)(A) new	Creates a fee for certification and seal of certified records, just like county clerk.	\$5.00
20/18	Non-certified paper copy	GC 51.318(b)(8)(A) amended	non-certified copy printed on paper, for each page or part of a page	\$1.00
20/20	Non-certified document converted to electronic	GC 51.318(b)(8)(B) new	Non-certified copy converted from paper, microfiche, microfilm, CD: to electronic format; for each page or part of a page.	\$1.00
20/22-27	Non-certified electronic document	GC 51.318(b)(8)(c) new	Non-certified copy of electronic document; for each page up to 10 is \$1 plus .10 cents for each additional page or part of a page.	.10 cents per page with \$1 minimum
23/27	Abstract of Judgment	LGC 118.052(1)(B)(i) amended	County clerk abstract fee raised from \$5	\$8.00
24/3	Execution, order of sale, writ, or other process	LGC 118.052(1)(B)(ii) amended	County clerk execution, order of sale, writ, or other process raised from \$5	\$8.00
24/22	Approving and recording a bond	LGC 118.052(2)(A)(ii) amended	County clerk approving and recording a bond raised from \$3	\$5.00
25/20-21	Issuing document and one copy	LGC 118.052(3)(A) amended	County clerk issuing document and one copy raised from \$4 and each additional set raised from \$4	\$8.00
25/26-27	Noncertified papers	LGC 118.052(3)(c) amended	County clerk noncertified papers printed on paper, for each page	\$1.00
26/1-2	Non-certified document converted to electronic	LGC 118.052(3)(c) amended	County clerk noncertified converted from paper, microfiche, microfilm, CD; for each page or part of a page.	\$1.00
26/3-7	Non-certified electronic document	LGC 118.052(3)(c)(i) amended	County clerk non-certified electronic copy of electronic document, 10 cents minimum \$1.	.10 cents per page with \$1 minimum
26/15; 27/20-22	Search fee	LGC 118.052(3)(G) new; LGC 118.070 new	County clerk may search files or records to locate a cause when the docket number is not provided	\$5.00

26/21-22	Preparation of clerk's record on appeal	LGC 118.052(3)(I) new	County clerk preparation of the clerk's record for appeal, per page or part of a page	\$1.00
27/14	Subpoena	LGC 118.059(c) amended	Amended to now include subpoena for county clerk	\$8.00

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PAGE	FEE NAME	STATUTE	DESCRIPTION	FEE
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		GC 22.2021, 22.2031,22.2041,	Assist the court of appeals	
		22.2051,22.2061, 22.2071,	in processing appeals filed	
	Appellate judicial	22.2081, 22.2091, 22.2101,	from the county, statutory,	
40/8-10	system fund	22.2121, 22.2131, 22.2141.	probate and district courts.	\$5.00
	Clault of the count		For filing a suit, including	
40/15	Clerk of the court account	GC 51.317 (b)(1)	an appeal from an inferior court.	\$50.00
-,	decount	00 31:317 (8)(1)	\$5 to county records	φ30.00
	Records		management and \$5 to	
	management and		district clerk records	
40/15	preservation	GC 51.317(b)(4), (c)(1) and	management. In consolidated fee.	\$10.00
40/13	account District court	(c)(2)	consolidated fee.	\$10.00
	records technology		District clerk archive plan	
40/15	fund	GC 51.317(d)	fee. In consolidated fee.	\$10.00
			Records management and	
	Records		preservation services performed by the county.	
	management and		Fee assessed at time of civil	
_	preservation		case or ancillary pleading.	
41/15	account	LGC 118.0546	In consolidated fee.	\$10.00
	District court records technology		District clerk records archive	
40/14	fund	GC 51.305	plan requirements.	
,		0002.000	Clerk with a court reporter	
			shall collect the fee on civil	
40/16	Court reporter	CC F1 CO1(-) (- 1) (b) (-)	case filed. In consolidated	415.00
40/10	service fee	GC 51.601(a), (a-1), (b), (e)	fee.	\$15.00
	Court reporter:		Associate judge may assess court reporter	
40/24	Court reporter: record	GC 54A.110	fees as costs.	
40/24	Tecoru	GC 34A.110	The clerk shall tax the	
	Calvactan county		official court reports fees as costs in civil	
40/11	Galveston county statutory court	CC 25 0862/i)	actions.	\$-
40/11	Statutory court	GC 25.0862(i)		Ş-
			The official court reporters fee shall be	
	Parker county		taxed as costs in civil	
40/12	court at law	GC 25.1862(L)	action.	\$-
40/12	Court at law	GC 23.1002(L)	Courthouse security fee	Ş-
			charged on any civil	
41/24	Fee for security	LGC 291 008 (a) (b) (c) (c)	case.	\$5.00
41/24	ree for security	LGC 291.008 (a), (b), (c), (e)		\$5.00
	Webb county		Webb county charges a \$20 fee in addition to	
41/25	Webb county security fee	LGC 291.009	other fees.	\$20.00
41/23	security ree	LGC 231.003		\$20.00
	Altornato disputa		Charge in civil, probate cases. In consolidated	
20/22	Alternate dispute	CDBC 152 004		¢1E 00
39/23	resolution	CPRC 152.004	fee.	\$15.00

39/21	Fraudulent civil filing fee	CPRC 12.005 (b) and (d)	Related to a fraudulent court record or a fraudulent lien or claim against real or personal property. Repeals the \$20 personal delivery and cost of postage by registered or certified mail. Leaves the \$15 clerk fee.	\$20.00
39/22	Interpreter Fee	CCPR 21.051 and 126.012	Interpreter fee in consolidated fee.	\$3.00
39/26	Teen court program	FC 54.032 €, (g), and (h)	Reimbursement fee; juvenile court in Tx. Louisiana border.	\$10 / \$20
39/27	Teen dating violence program	FC 54.035 (g), (h)	Reimbursement fees	\$10.00
40/1	Juvenile probation diversion fund	FC 54.0411	disposition hearing fee.	\$20.00
40/2	Juvenile delinquency prevention fees.	FC 54.0461	delinquent conduct that violates section 28.08.	\$50.00
40/2	Offenses requiring DNA testing	FC 54.0462	Fee if commitment to a facility contracted with TJJD.; child to submit a DNA sample.	\$50 / \$34
40/3	Alcohol or drug related offense	FC 54.047 (f)	Child attends a drug education program.	varies
40/4	Judgement for support	FC 54.06 (a)	Court orders a reasonable sum for the support of the juvenile.	varies
40/5	BVS adoption Fee	FC 108.006 (b) and (c)	Fee for adoption of a child	\$15.00
40/13	State contribution	GC 26.007	State compensation to county judge.	\$5,000.00
40/13	Excess contributions	GC 26.008	State excess funds from the judiciary.	varies
40/17	Jury fee	GC 51.604	District clerk civil trial fee. In consolidated fee.	\$40.00
40/18	Additional fees in statutory cc	GC 51.072	Support of the judiciary. In consolidated fee.	\$40.00
40/18	Additional fees in county courts	GC 51.703	Support of the judiciary. In consolidated fee.	\$40.00
40/18	Additional fees in probate courts	GC 51.704	Support of the judiciary. In consolidated fee.	\$40.00

40/19	Additional filing fee for Dallas County	GC 51.705	Court facility fee. In consolidated fee.	\$15.00
	Additional filing fee for Bexar		Court facility fee. In	
40/19	County Additional filing fee for Hays	GC 51.706	consolidated fee. Court facility fee. In	\$15.00
40/19	County	GC 51.707	consolidated fee.	\$15.00
40/19	Additional filing fee for civil cases in certain courts	GC 51.708	Court records preservation. In consolidation fee.	\$10.00
40/20	Additional filing fee in Rockwall County	GC 51.709	Court facility fee. In consolidated fee.	\$15.00
40/20	Additional filing fee for Travis County	GC 51.710	Court facility fee. In consolidated fee.	\$15.00
40/20	Additional filing fee for Hidalgo County and Cameron County	GC 51.711	Court facility fee. In consolidated fee.	\$20.00
40/20	Additional filing fee for Willacy County and Starr County	GC 51.713	Court facility fee. In consolidated fee.	\$20.00
40/21	Electronic Filing fee	GC 51.851 (c), (g), and (j)	Justice court eFiling fee; deposit of the clerk to comptroller; comptroller audit the counties. In state consolidation fee.	\$10
40/22	Additional fees for family protection	GC Subchapter M, Chapter 51	Family protection fee	\$15.00
40/23	Additional fees for judicial and court personnel training	GC Subchapter N, Chapter	Judicial and court personnel training fee. In state consolidation fee.	\$5.00
40/25; 21/27 and 22/1-4	Disposition of fee: DPS; Non-disclosure	GC 411.077(a); GC 411.0745(b)	Non-disclosure fee; fee to the clerk of the court in addition to any other civil case fee	\$28.00
40/26		GC subtitle I, title 2	Duplicative of the substantive provisions referenced in the subtitle.	725.00

	Report of divorce		BVS fee collected on	
41/2	or annulment	HSC 194.002(e)	each divorce	\$1.00
41/15	Filing of original action	LGC 118.053	Filing of original in county civil court. In consolidation fee.	definition
41/15	Filing of actions other than original	LGC 118.054	County clerk actions within an existing case.	definition
41/15	Records management and preservation fee- civil cases.	LGC 118.0546	County clerk additional fees in civil cases.	definition
41/15	Probate original action	LGC 118.055	County clerk probate fee. In consolidation fee.	definition
41/16	Services in pending probate action	LGC 118.056	County clerk actions within an existing probate case.	definition
41/19	Adverse probate action	LGC 118.057	County clerk fee in adverse probate action.	definition
41/19	Additional fees in original probate action	LGC 118.064	County clerk additional fees in probate action.	definition
41/19	Records management and preservation fee- probate cases	LGC 118.0645	County clerk records management fee for probate.	definition
41/19	Supplemental court-initiated guardianship fee	LGC 118.067	Court initiated guardianship fund to supplement guardian ad litems.	definition
41/20	Supplemental public probate administrator fee	LGC 118.068	Funds public probate administrator's office.	definition
41/20	Fee for county records technology and infrastructure	LGC 118.069	Records technology and infrastructure account.	definition
41/21	Fee for county records technology and infrastructure	LGC 118.102	Records technology and infrastructure account, probate.	definition
41/22	Portion of fee retained	LGC 133.058	5% retention fee for civil legal service.	5%

41/23	Additional filing fee for certain actions and proceedings in district court for basic civil legal services for indigents.	LGC 133.152	Civil legal services for family law; any other case.	\$5/\$10
41/23	Additional filing fees for certain actions and proceedings in courts other than district court for basic civil legal services for indigents.	LGC 133.153	Civil legal services for statutory and constitutional county courts.	\$10.00
41/23	Additional filing fee in district court, statutory county court, or county court for support of judiciary.	LGC 133.154	Support of the judiciary. In consolidated fee.	\$42.00
41/26	Filing fee authorized	OC 2308.457	Vehicle towing and boating	\$20.00
41/27	Assessment of costs and fees	PC 21.047(c)	Special commissioners for eminent domain fee.	\$10.00



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Notice of Rate Ceilings

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in §§303.003, 303.009 and 304.003, Texas Finance Code.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by \$303.003 and \$303.009 for the period of 07/26/21 - 08/01/21 is 18% for Consumer¹/Agricultural/Commercial² credit through \$250,000.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by \$303.003 and \$303.009 for the period of 07/26/21 - 08/01/21 is 18% for Commercial over \$250,000.

The judgment ceiling as prescribed by \$304.003 for the period of 08/01/21 - 08/31/21 is 5.00% for Consumer/Agricultural/Commercial credit through \$250,000.

The judgment ceiling as prescribed by \$304.003 for the period of 08/01/21 - 08/31/21 is 5.00% for commercial over \$250,000.

- ¹ Credit for personal, family or household use.
- ² Credit for business, commercial, investment or other similar purpose.

TRD-202102791 Leslie L. Pettijohn Commissioner

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

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Office of Court Administration

Public Notice of Court Costs and Fees 2021

Government Code, §51.607, requires the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System to publish a list of all court costs and fees imposed or changed during the most recent regular session of the Legislature. The following is a listing of court costs and fees that were amended, repealed, or added by the 87th Texas Legislature:

Senate Bill 41

SB 41 is effective January 1, 2022. It consolidates various civil filing fees, repeals various court fees and costs, and makes conforming changes across several codes.

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee:

Civil, Probate, Guardianship and Mental Health Cases filed in District, Statutory County, Statutory Probate, or County Court - The bill adds Section 133.151 to the Local Government Code to create a \$137 state consolidated filing fee to be charged in a district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or county court upon the filing of any civil, probate, guardianship, or mental health case. The bill creates a \$45 filing fee to be charged in the aforementioned courts upon the filing of any action other than an original action subject to the \$137 fee, including an appeal and any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action, adverse probate action, interpleader, motion for new trial, or third-party action.

Civil Cases or Actions filed in Justice Court - The bill adds Section 133.151 to the Local Government Code to create a \$21 state consoli-

dated filing fee to be charged in justice court upon the filing of any civil case or action other than an original action for the civil case, including on an appeal and any counterclaim, a cross-action, an intervention, a contempt action, an adverse probate action, an interpleader, a motion for new trial, or a third-party action.

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fees:

Civil Cases filed in District, Statutory County, and County Courts - The bill adds Section 135.101 to the Local Government Code to create a \$213 local consolidated filing fee to be charged in a district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or county court upon the filing of any civil case, except a probate, guardianship, or mental health case, and a \$35 local consolidated filing fee to be charged in the aforementioned courts upon the filing of any action other than an original action subject to the \$213 fee, including an appeal and any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action, interpleader, motion for new trial, or third-party action. The bill allocates the fees to certain designated accounts in the local treasury.

Probate, Guardianship, and Mental Health Cases filed in Statutory County, Statutory Probate, or County Courts - The bill adds Section 135.102 to the Local Government Code to create a \$223 local civil filing fee to be charged in a statutory county court, statutory probate court, or county court upon the filing of any probate, guardianship, or mental health case, and a \$75 local civil filing fee to be charged in the aforementioned courts upon the filing of any action - other than an original action subject to the \$223 fee - in which the movant or applicant filing the intervention pleading seeks any affirmative relief, including an adverse probate action, contest, or suit in a probate court, other than the filing of a claim against an estate. The bill allocates the fees to certain designated accounts in the local treasury.

Civil Cases or Actions filed in Justice Court - The bill adds Section 135.103 to the Local Government Code to create a local consolidated filing fee of \$33 on any civil case in a justice court and on any action other than an original action for a civil case, including an appeal and any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, contempt action, interpleader, motion for new trial, or third-party action. The bill allocates the fees to certain designated accounts in the local treasury.

Fee Modifications:

The bill modifies the fee for several services performed by district clerks and county clerks, as follows: the fee for issuing an abstract of judgment by a county clerk is increased from \$5 to \$8 (Local Government Code §118.052(1)(B)(i)); the fee for issuing and recording the return for an execution, order of sale, writ (if no other fee is provided), or other process (if no other fee is provided) issued by a county clerk is increased from \$5 to \$8 (Local Government Code \$118.052(1)(B)(ii)); the fee for approving and recording a bond by a district clerk is increased from \$4 to \$5 (Government Code §51.318(b)(6)); the fee for approving and recording a bond by a county clerk is increased from \$3 to \$5 (Local Government Code §118.052(2)(A)(ii)); the fee for issuing a subpoena by a county clerk is \$8 (Local Government Code §§118.052(3)(A)); the fee for issuing a citation, notice, commission for deposition, execution, order, writ, process, or other instrument or paper authorized or required to be issued by a county clerk is increased from \$4 to \$8 (Local Government Code §118.052(3)(A)); the fee for a noncertified copy printed on paper or paper converted to an electronic format by a district clerk is \$1 for each page or part of a page or, if an electronic copy of an electronic document is issued, \$1 for each document up to 10 pages in length and \$0.10 for each page or part of a page thereafter (Government Code §51.318(b)(8)); the fee for a noncertified copy printed on paper or paper converted to an electronic format by a county clerk is \$1 for each page or part of a page or, if an electronic copy of an electronic document is issued, \$1 for each document up to 10 pages in length and \$0.10 for each page or part of a page thereafter (Local Government Code §118.052(3)(C)); the fee for searching the files or records to locate a cause when the docket number is not provided by a county clerk is \$5 (Local Government Code §118.052(3)(G)); the fee for preparing the clerk's record for appeal by a district clerk is \$1 for each page or part of a page (Government Code §51.318(b)(5)); the fee for preparing the clerk's record for appeal by a county clerk is \$1 for each page or part of a page (Local Government Code §118.052(3)(I)); and the fee for certified copy by a district clerk is increased from not to exceed \$1 to \$5 (Government Code §51.318(b)(7)).

Deletions and Repeals:

The bill deletes or repeals the following fees and costs: official court reporter's fees taxed in civil actions in Bexar County Courts at Law (Government Code §25.0172(u)); \$20 stenographer's fee taxed in civil, criminal, and probates cases in Hidalgo County (Government Code §25.1102(f)); \$3 court reporter's fee taxed in civil and probate cases in McLennan County Court at Law (Government Code §25.1572(h)); \$25 stenographer's fee taxed in civil and probate cases in the 1st Multicounty Court at Law (Government Code §25.2702(d); the additional filing fee set by a commissioners court to establish a contingency fund to provide insurance coverage for the district clerk (Government Code §51.302(e); \$30 electronic filing fee assessed by the clerk of a district court, county court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or justice court (Government Code §51.851(b) and (c); the additional \$28 filing fee for filing a petition for an order of nondisclosure (Government Code §411.0745(b)); the additional filing fee set by a commissioners court to establish a contingency fund to provide insurance coverage for the county clerk (Local Government Code §82.003(c); various fees (original civil and all other action, probate original action, community survivors, small estates, declarations of heirship, mental health or chemical dependency services, additional special fee, adverse probate action, supplemental court-initiated guardianship fee, supplemental public probate administrator fee in counties with public probate administrator) charged by county clerk upon filing of civil or probate case (Local Government Code §118.052 (1)(A), (B) and §118.052 (2)(A), (C), (E), and (F); the \$2 records technology and infrastructure collected by a county judge in a probate matter (Local Government Code §118.101(14); the \$25 fee charged by a justice of the peace for services rendered before judgment (Local Government Code §118.121(1); the law library fee of not more than \$5 (Local Government Code §323.023(a); \$15 fee for filing an action under Chapter 12 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code (liability Related to a Fraudulent Court Record or Fraudulent Lien or Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property) and fee for notice of service of such action (Civil Practices and Remedies Code §12.005(a), (b)); \$3 interpreter fee for county courts at law (Civil Practices and Remedies Code §21.051); \$1.50 assessed as cost for a certified copy from the secretary of state of the record of trustees if the copy is used in a receivership proceedings (Civil Practices and Remedies Code §126.012); the alternative dispute resolution court costs assessed in civil cases in district, county, and justice courts (Civil Practices and Remedies Code §§152.004 and 152.005); various teen court reimbursement fees imposed by a juvenile court (Family Code §54.032(e), (g), and (h) and (Family Code §54.0325(g) and (h)); \$20 juvenile probation diversion fund fee (Family Code §54.0411); \$50 juvenile delinquency prevention or graffiti fee (Family Code §54.0461); fees in juvenile cases for offenses requiring DNA testing or involving alcohol or drugs (Family Code §§54.0462 and 54.047(f)); fee for residential care and other support for child placed with juvenile probation department (Family Code §54.06(a)); \$15 fee in suit requesting adoption of child (Family Code §108.006(b)); appellate judicial system fund fee assessed in certain counties (Government Code §§22.2021, 22.2031, 22.2041, 22.2051, 22.2061, 22.2071,

22.2081, 22.2091, 22.2101, 22.2121, 22.2131 and 22.2141); official court reporter's fee in a statutory county court in Galveston County (Government Code §25.0862(i)); official court reporter's fee in a county court at law in Parker County (Government Code §25.1862(1)); district court records archive fee of not more than \$10 (Government Code §51.305); various fees due at filing for services performed by district clerk (Government Code §51.317); \$15 and \$30 court reporter services fees (Government Code §§51.601(a) and (a-1)); jury fee (Government Code §51.604); additional filing fees for support of the judiciary in statutory county and probate courts and certain county courts (Government Code §§51.702, 51.703, and 51.704); additional filing fee for civil cases in Dallas County Civil Courts and for civil cases in Bexar, Hays, Rockwall, Travis, Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, and Starr counties (Government Code §§51.705, 51.706, 51.707, 51.708, 51.709, 51.710, 51.711, and 51.713); \$15 family protection fee (Government Code Subchapter M); \$5 judicial and court personnel training fee (Government Code Chapter 51 Subchapter N); cost for expense of preserving certain records (Government Code §54A.110(d)); \$1 fee as cost in case for report of divorce or annulment by district clerk (Health and Safety Code §194.002(e)); Collin County monthly support service fee assessed against persons paying child or spousal support through the district clerk (Human Resources Code §152.0492); certain fees for child support departments and collection in Harris, Johnson, Montague, Nueces, and Smith counties (Human Resources Code §§152.1074(f)); 152.1322, 152.1752, 152.1844, and 152.2183); \$25 adoption filing fee in a district court in Montague County (Human Resources Code §152.1752(d)); \$25 divorce and contempt fees in Orange County (Human Resources Code §152.1873); adoption filing fee for adoption investigation fund in Orange (\$25) and Wichita (\$100) counties (Human Resources Code §§152.1874 and 152.2496); \$5 records management and preservation fee collected by county clerk (Local Government Code §118.052(3)(G)); county records technology and infrastructure fee (Local Government Code §§118.069 and 118.102); basic civil legal services fee for indigents (Local Government Code §133.152 and 133.153); additional filing fee for support of judiciary in district, statutory county, and county courts (Local Government Code §133.154); \$5 court security fee authorized by commissioners courts (Local Government Code §291.008(a)); Webb County courthouse security fee (Local Government Code §291.009); \$20 filing fee for cases filed under Chapter 2308 of the Occupations Code (Texas Towing and Booting Act) (Occupations Code §2308.457); fee for court costs in eminent domain proceedings (Property Code §21.047(c); and \$100 filing fee for hearing on nonpayment of toll (Transportation Code §372.107(c)).

Updated court costs and fees information will be available later this year on OCA's website at the following link: https://www.tx-courts.gov/publications-training/publications/filing-fees-courts-costs/.

Senate Bill 1373

SB 1373 is effective September 1, 2021. It amends Article 43.015(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, to define "cost" for purposes of Chapter 43 of the Code to include any fee, including a reimbursement fee, imposed on a defendant by the court; amends Article 45.004, Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide that unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, "costs" for purposes of Chapter 45 of the Code includes any fee, including a reimbursement fee, imposed on a defendant by the justice or judge; and amends Article 103.0081, Code of Criminal Procedure, to allow a trial court to designate as uncollectible a fine, reimbursement or other fee, or item of cost imposed in a criminal action or proceeding if the officer authorized to collect the fine, fee, or item of costs believes the defendant is deceased or serving a sentence for life or life without parole, or the fine, fee, or item of cost has been unpaid for at least 15 years.

Senate Bill 1923

SB 1923 is effective September 1, 2021. It amends various codes to reclassify the following criminal court fines and fees as reimbursement fees: the \$7 processing fee deducted from the payment of a fine repaying a reward or part of a reward, as authorized under Article 42.152, Code of Criminal Procedure, and for which the bill now requires to be deposited in the general fund of the county; the fee amount established by the judge for residential aftercare required as part of a treatment plan, as authorized by Article 42A.303, Code of Criminal Procedure; the fine imposed under Section 31.127(f), Parks and Wildlife Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a vessel with an expired certificate of number; the fine imposed under Section 502.407(b), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of driving with an expired motor vehicle registration; the fine imposed under Section 502.473(d), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle without displaying a motor vehicle registration; the fine imposed under Section 502.475(c), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle with an altered or fictitious motor vehicle registration; the fine imposed under Section 504.943(d), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle without displaying a license plate; the fine imposed under Section 504.945(d), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle with the wrong license plate; the fine imposed under Section 521.026(b), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of driving with an expired driver's license; the fine imposed under Section 521.054(d), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of failing to notify DPS of an address, status, or name change; the fine imposed under Section 521.221, Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle in violation of a special restriction or endorsement; the fine imposed under Section 547.004(c), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating an unsafe motor vehicle; the fine imposed under Section 548.605(e), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle without complying with inspection requirements as certified; and the fine imposed under Section 681.013(b), Transportation Code, when the court dismisses a charge of operating a motor vehicle displaying an expired disabled parking placard.

The bill amends Article 102.011(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, to clarify that the reimbursement fees imposed by the article are to defray the cost of the services provided in a case, if any, by a peace officer.

The bill adds Article 101.004 (Meaning of Conviction) to the Code of Criminal Procedure to clarify that a person is considered to have been "convicted" in a case for purposes of imposing a fine, cost, or fee under Title 2 of the Code if: a judgment, a sentence, or both a judgment and sentence are imposed on the person; the person receives community supervision, deferred adjudication, or deferred disposition; or the court defers final disposition of the case or imposition of the judgment and sentence.

The bill amends Section 51.607, Government Code, to provide that the effective date of a law imposing or changing the amount of a court cost or fee is the next January 1 following the effective date of the law, unless the law takes effect on or after the January 1 following the regular session of the legislature that passed the law.

The Office of Court Administration hereby certifies that legal counsel has reviewed this notice and concluded that it is within the agency's authority to publish.

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Maria Flena Ramon General Counsel Office of Court Administration Filed: July 21, 2021



Credit Union Department

Application of Out of State Branch

Notice is given that the following application has been filed with the Credit Union Department (Department) and is under consideration.

An application was received from KeyPoint Credit Union, Santa Clara, California to operate a Foreign (out of state) Branch Office to be located in the area of Austin, Texas.

Comments or a request for a meeting by any interested party relating to an application must be submitted in writing within 30 days from the date of this publication. Credit unions that wish to comment on any application must also complete a Notice of Protest form. The form may be obtained by contacting the Department at (512) 837-9236 or downloading the form at http://www.cud.texas.gov/page/bylaw-charter-applications. Any written comments must provide all information that the interested party wishes the Department to consider in evaluating the application. All information received will be weighed during consideration of the merits of an application. Comments or a request for a meeting should be addressed to the Credit Union Department, 914 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752-1699.

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Application to Amend Articles of Incorporation

Notice is given that the following application has been filed with the Credit Union Department (Department) and is under consideration.

An application for a change to the location of the principal place of business was received from InvesTex Credit Union, Humble Park, Texas. The credit union is proposing to change the location to 8404 FM 1960 Bypass Rd W, Humble, Texas, 77338.

Comments or a request for a meeting by any interested party relating to an application must be submitted in writing within 30 days from the date of this publication. Any written comments must provide all information that the interested party wishes the Department to consider in evaluating the application. All information received will be weighed during consideration of the merits of an application. Comments or a request for a meeting should be addressed to the Credit Union Department, 914 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752-1699.

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Applications to Expand Field of Membership

Notice is given that the following applications have been filed with the Credit Union Department (Department) and are under consideration.



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