

AN ACT

relating to the elimination of certain court fees and costs and to the bill of costs provided to a defendant.

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

SECTION 1. Article 103.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 103.001. COSTS PAYABLE. (a) In a justice or municipal court, a [A] cost is not payable by the person charged with the cost until a written bill is:

(1) produced or ~~is~~ ready to be produced, containing the items of cost; and

(2) [✓] signed by the officer who charged the cost or the officer who is entitled to receive payment for the cost.

(b) In a court other than a justice or municipal court, a cost is not payable by the person charged with the cost until a written bill containing the items of cost is:

(1) produced;

(2) signed by the officer who charged the cost or the officer who is entitled to receive payment for the cost; and

(3) provided to the person charged with the cost.

SECTION 2. 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

1 court shall collect fees and costs under the Code of Criminal
2 Procedure on conviction of a defendant as follows:

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

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

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

10 (4) a security fee on a misdemeanor offense (Art.
11 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$4;

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

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

17 (7) a fee on conviction of certain offenses involving
18 issuing or passing a subsequently dishonored check or similar sight
19 order (Art. 102.0071, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to
20 exceed \$30; and

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

25 [~~9~~] a civil justice fee (Art. 102.022, Code of
26 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.10.

27 SECTION 3. Section 42.221(b), Tax Code, is amended to read

1 as follows:

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

7 SECTION 4. The following provisions are repealed:

8 (1) Article 102.009, Code of Criminal Procedure;

9 (2) Sections 101.0617, 101.0817, 101.1216, and
10 101.122(b), Government Code;

11 (3) Section 112.059(e), Transportation Code; and

12 (4) Article 6219, Revised Statutes.

13 SECTION 5. Article 103.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
14 amended by this Act, applies only to a cost incurred on or after the
15 effective date of this Act. A cost incurred before the effective
16 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
17 cost was incurred, and the former law is continued in effect for
18 that purpose.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 287 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 287 passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor