

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE:     Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence  
TIME & DATE:   10:00 AM, Friday, April 27, 2018  
PLACE:           E2.026  
CHAIR:           Rep. John Smithee

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The committee will meet to hear public testimony on the following interim charges:

Charge 1: Study the effects of Hurricane Harvey on the courts and legal system. Examine whether existing statutes granting authority to the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals are adequate to address potential needs during emergencies. Study the effects of Harvey on civil legal aid programs in general, and specifically in regard to legal problems faced by those impacted.

Charge 3: Evaluate the statutes prescribing fees in civil and criminal matters, and examine opportunities to simplify and improve the fee structure. Identify fees that may be challenged on grounds similar to those raised in *Salinas v. Texas* (Tex. Court of Crim. Apps., March 8, 2017), and recommend any necessary changes.

Charge 7: Monitor the implementation of the statewide electronic database of court records ("re:SearchTX").

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**NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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