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H.B. No. 1859

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the production of the index of the parties to all suits
3 by the clerk of a district court; authorizing a fee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.303, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) On application by any person, the clerk of a district
8 court shall promptly produce the index of the parties to all suits,
9 or a portion of the index, not otherwise confidential by law for
10 inspection or copying. If the index is in an electronic form, the
11 clerk shall provide an electronic copy of the index or the portion
12 of the index for a fee set in accordance with the rules prescribed
13 by the attorney general that are applicable to the provision of
14 electronic copies of public information.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 101.06111 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 101.06111. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT
18 CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect a fee for
19 providing an electronic copy of the index of the parties to all
20 suits, or a portion of the index, not otherwise confidential by law
21 under Section 51.303, Government Code, in an amount set in
22 accordance with the rules prescribed by the attorney general that
23 are applicable to the provision of electronic copies of public
24 information.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.