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S.B. No. 1970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the electronic filing fee for certain courts of law.

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

SECTION 1. Sections [51.851\(b\)](#), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to other fees authorized or required by law, the clerk of the supreme court, a court of appeals, a district court, a county court, a statutory county court, or a statutory probate court shall collect a \$30 [~~\$20~~] fee on the filing of any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third-party action requiring a filing fee to be used as provided by Section [51.852](#).

SECTION 2. Section [101.0211](#), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.0211. ADDITIONAL SUPREME COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of the supreme court shall collect a statewide electronic filing system fund fee of \$30 [~~\$20~~] under Section [51.851](#), Government Code.

SECTION 3. Section [101.0411](#), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.0411. ADDITIONAL COURT OF APPEALS FEES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a court of appeals shall collect a statewide

1 electronic filing system fund fee of \$30 [~~\$20~~] under Section  
2 51.851, Government Code.

3 SECTION 4. Section 101.06118, Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 101.06118. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT  
6 CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect a statewide  
7 electronic filing system fund fee of \$30 [~~\$20~~] under Section  
8 51.851, Government Code.

9 SECTION 5. Section 101.08117, Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 101.08117. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES:  
12 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court shall  
13 collect a statewide electronic filing system fund fee of \$30 [~~\$20~~]  
14 under Section 51.851, Government Code.

15 SECTION 6. Section 101.10116, Government Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 101.10116. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES:  
18 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate court shall  
19 collect a statewide electronic filing system fund fee of \$30 [~~\$20~~]  
20 under Section 51.851, Government Code.

21 SECTION 7. Section 101.12126, Government Code, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 101.12126. ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT  
24 CODE. The clerk of a county court shall collect a statewide  
25 electronic filing system fund fee of \$30 [~~\$20~~] under Section  
26 51.851, Government Code.

1 SECTION 8. (a) Section 51.607, Government Code, does not  
2 apply to the imposition of a fee assessed under:

3 (1) Section 51.851, Government Code, as amended by  
4 this Act;

5 (2) Section 101.0211, Government Code, as amended by  
6 this Act;

7 (3) Section 101.0411, Government Code, as amended by  
8 this Act;

9 (4) Section 101.06118, Government Code, as amended by  
10 this Act;

11 (5) Section 101.08117, Government Code, as amended by  
12 this Act;

13 (6) Section 101.10116, Government Code, as amended by  
14 this Act.

15 (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a fee  
16 that becomes payable on or after September 1, 2015. A fee that  
17 becomes payable before that date is governed by the law in effect  
18 when the fee became payable, and the former law is continued in  
19 effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.