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H. B. No. 1860

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to an additional filing fee for civil cases filed in  
3 certain courts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 51.708 to read as follows:

7                   Sec. 51.708. ADDITIONAL FILING FEE FOR CIVIL CASES IN  
8                   CERTAIN COURTS. (a) In addition to all other fees authorized or  
9                   required by other law, the clerk of a county court, statutory county  
10                   court, or district court shall collect a filing fee of not more than  
11                   \$10 in each civil case filed in the court to be used for court record  
12                   preservation for the courts in the county.

13                   (b) Court fees due under this section shall be collected in  
14 the same manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the  
15 case.

23           (d) The court record preservation account shall be  
24 administered by or under the direction of the commissioners court

1 of the county.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Government Code, is  
3 amended by adding Section 101.06117 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 101.06117. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT  
5 CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect an additional  
6 filng fee not to exceed \$10 under Section 51.708, Government Code,  
7 in certain civil cases to fund the preservation of court records.

8 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 101, Government Code, is  
9 amended by adding Section 101.08115 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 101.08115. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES:  
11 GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court shall  
12 collect an additional filing fee not to exceed \$10 under Section  
13 51.708, Government Code, in certain civil cases to fund the  
14 preservation of court records.

15 SECTION 4. Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Government Code, is  
16 amended by adding Section 101.12124 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 101.12124. ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT  
18 CODE. The clerk of a county court shall collect an additional  
19 filng fee not to exceed \$10 under Section 51.708, Government Code,  
20 in certain civil cases to fund the preservation of court records.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.