

AN ACT

1
2 relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use
3 of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money
4 paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the
5 appointment of counsel in certain suits.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal
8 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.0169 to read as
9 follows:

10 Art. 102.0169. COURT COSTS; COUNTY AND DISTRICT COURT
11 TECHNOLOGY FUND. (a) A defendant convicted of a criminal offense in
12 a county court, statutory county court, or district court shall pay
13 a \$4 county and district court technology fee as a cost of court.

14 (b) In this article, a person is considered convicted if:

15 (1) a sentence is imposed on the person;

16 (2) the person receives community supervision,
17 including deferred adjudication; or

18 (3) the court defers final disposition of the person's
19 case.

20 (c) The clerks of the courts described by Subsection (a)
21 shall collect the costs and pay them to the county treasurer or to
22 any other official who discharges the duties commonly delegated to
23 the county treasurer, as appropriate, for deposit in a fund to be
24 known as the county and district court technology fund.

1 (d) A fund designated by this article may be used only to
2 finance:

3 (1) the cost of continuing education and training for
4 county court, statutory county court, or district court judges and
5 clerks regarding technological enhancements for those courts; and

6 (2) the purchase and maintenance of technological
7 enhancements for a county court, statutory county court, or
8 district court, including:

9 (A) computer systems;

10 (B) computer networks;

11 (C) computer hardware;

12 (D) computer software;

13 (E) imaging systems;

14 (F) electronic kiosks; and

15 (G) docket management systems.

16 (e) The county and district court technology fund shall be
17 administered by or under the direction of the commissioners court
18 of the county.

19 SECTION 2. Section 117.111, Local Government Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 117.111. SUBCHAPTER APPLICABLE TO COUNTY WITH
22 POPULATION OF 1.3 [~~2-4~~] MILLION OR MORE. This subchapter applies
23 only to a county with a population of 1.3 [~~2-4~~] million or more.

24 SECTION 3. The heading to Subchapter E, Chapter 117, Local
25 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

26 SUBCHAPTER E. SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLYING TO FUNDS PAID INTO COURT
27 REGISTRY IN COUNTY WITH POPULATION OF MORE THAN 1.3 [~~2-4~~] MILLION