BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2968 By: Corte (Wentworth) Criminal Justice 5/13/1999 Engrossed

DIGEST

Currently, a defendant who is convicted of an offense in a county court, a county court at law, or a district court is required to pay a fee of \$10 for records management and preservation services performed by the county. The money collected for this fee is placed in a special fund for which expenditures originating from this fund need prior approval of the commissioners court of a county. H.B. 2968 requires a defendant convicted of an offense in a county court, a county court at law, or a district court to pay a fee of \$20 for records management and preservation services performed by the county.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2968 requires a defendant convicted of an offense in a county court, a county court at law, or a district court to pay a fee of \$20 for records management and preservation services performed by the county.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 102.005(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, to require a defendant convicted of an offense in a county court, a county court at law, or a district court to pay a fee of \$20, rather than \$10, for records management and preservation services performed by the county as required by Chapter 203 (Management and Preservation of Records), Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.