

# **COSTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

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# SECTION 51.607 G.C.

- FOLLOWING EACH REGULAR SESSION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL IDENTIFY EACH LAW ENACTED THAT IMPOSES OR CHANGES THE AMOUNT OF A COURT COST OR FEE
- THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PREPARE A LIST IN THE TEXAS REGISTER NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1
- NOTWITHSTANDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF LAW, IMPOSITION DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL NEXT JANUARY 1.

# NEW COURT COST CIVIL JUSTICE FEE

- H.B. 3389-TECLOSE
- COST COLLECTION EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2010
- 10 CENT FEE ON MOVING V
- ART. 102.022
- AND THE GOOD NEWS...



“THE GOVERNMENT  
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM  
IS USUALLY AS BAD AS THE  
PROBLEM.”

MILTON FRIEDMAN

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# CHILD SAFETY SEATS:

- NEW COURT COST:

15 cents on  
convictions  
for 545.412  
T.C.-sent to  
Comptroller  
monthly



# H.B. 1544

## Deferred Disposition Special Expense Fee

Effective Date: September 1, 2009

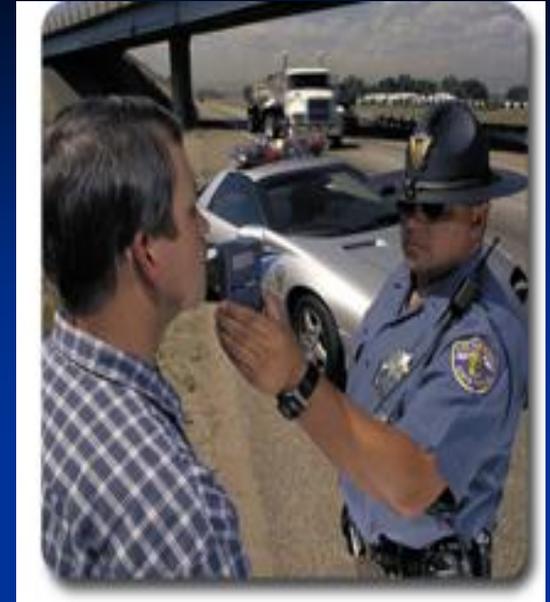
- When does your court collect the special expense fee on a deferred disposition case?
- This bill amends Article 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure to authorize a municipal or justice court to collect the special expense fee prior to the end of the deferral period.

# S.B. 82

## FAMILY VIOLENCE FEES AND ADDITIONAL FEES

- POTPOURRI OF AMENDED COURT COSTS-
  - LANGUAGE CHANGED FOR COST OF DRIVING RECORD TO \$10 PLUS AMOUNT OF TexasOnline Fee
  - PROVIDES FOR INCREASED FEES TO GO TO FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTERS AS CONDITION OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (N/A IN MC)

# COURT COST



- S.B. 333 ALLOWS CITIES WITH CERTIFIED BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING TO RETAIN \$22.50 OF COURT COST—
- MUNICIPAL COURT WON'T COLLECT, BUT WILL BRING IN \$\$\$ FOR CITIES WITH IN-HOUSE TESTING

■ FEES EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2010

# S.B. 420

EFFECTIVE: SEPT. 1, 2009

- **SEC. 720.002(a) T.C.: NO QUOTAS, NO REWARD OR COMPENSATION FOR MONEY BROUGHT INTO COURT**
- ~~(c) Subsection (a) does not prohibit a municipality from considering the source and amount of money collected from a municipal court...when evaluating the performance of a judge employed by the municipality.~~

# H.B. 2730

## DPS Reporting

- Article 17 of this 242-page bill amends the time deadlines for reporting certain convictions to DPS.
- Section 543.203 of the Transportation Code is amended to require the magistrate, judge, or clerk to submit to DPS, not later than the seventh day after a conviction or bail forfeiture, the written record of a case involving a violation of a law regulating the operation of a vehicle on a highway.
  - The law currently allows courts 30 days to submit these reports.)
  - CLD holders must report to employers w/in 7 days not 30 (?)
  - More to come on H.B. 2730
  - Effective September 1, 2009

“THE MISTAKES MADE BY  
CONGRESS WOULDN’T BE  
SO BAD IF THE NEXT  
CONGRESS DIDN’T KEEP  
TRYING TO CORRECT THEM.”

CULLEN HIGHTOWER

H.B. 319

Juror Exemption for those  
with Custody of Children  
Under Age 15



Effective Date:  
September 1, 2009

Amends Sec.  
62.106 G.C.

# COURT INTERPRETERS

- H.B. 4445
- EFFECTIVE DATE: Sept. 1
- AMENDS CHAPTER 57 GOVT. CODE
- ESTABLISHES 2 LEVELS OF COURT INTERPRETER
  - MASTER LEVEL
  - BASIC LEVEL—only JP and non-record MC

# USES FOR CHILD SAFETY FUND EXPANDED

S.B. 446

- IMMEDIATELY
- NOW CITIES < 850,000 COLLECTING FEE FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PROGRAM CAN USE FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO “ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY”
- EXPANDS SCOPE OF ART. 102.014  
C.C.P.

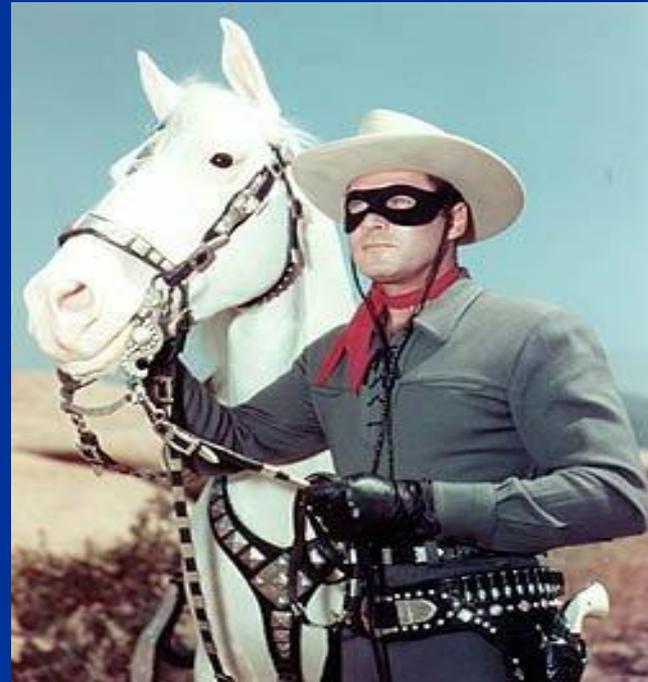
H.B. 1861

Modification and Suspension of Court  
Rules During Disaster  
Effective Date: Immediately



# LONGEVITY PAY OKAY

- IN RESPONSE TO 1990 AG OPINION QUESTIONING AUTHORITY OF GENERAL LAW CITIES TO PROVIDE LONGEVITY PAY, LEGISLATURE TO THE RESCUE
- H.B. 3001
- EFFECTIVE NOW
- ADDS 141.010 L.G.C.



# S.B. 1436

- JUDGE'S RIGHT TO APPEAL CENSURE BY STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
- NOW MAY APPEAL CENSURE IN ADDITION TO EXISTING RIGHT TO APPEAL MORE SERIOUS IMPOSITION OF A SANCTION
- EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

# REGIONAL DRUG COURTS

- NOW TWO, RATHER THAN THREE COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES CAN ESTABLISH A REGIONAL DRUG PROGRAM
- DESIGNED TO ASSIST SMALL RURAL AREAS
- S.B. 633 AMENDS 469.0025 H.S.C., effective immediately

# S.B. 1145

## FOLDING THE TEXAS FLAG



# HR 257 MUNICIPAL COURTS WEEK

NOVEMBER 2-6

