CHAPTER 414

S.B. No. 749

AN ACT

relating to the fines and costs imposed on a defendant convicted in a municipal court.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 43.09, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) Fines and costs imposed by a municipal court, regardless of whether the court is a court of record, may be discharged in the manner provided by Subsection (f) of this article. A community supervision and corrections department or a court-related services office may provide the administrative duties and other services necessary for the placement in programs under this article of a defendant convicted in a municipal court, regardless of whether the municipal court is a court of record.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 1, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1993: Yeas 132, Nays' 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 6, 1993.

Effective June 6, 1993.