

CHAPTER 78

S.B. No. 320

AN ACT

relating to certain court fees collected for the operation of a county law library.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4, Chapter 429, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, 1951, as amended (Article 1702h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. For the purpose of establishing County Law Libraries after the entry of such order, there shall be taxed, collected, and paid as other costs, a sum set by the Commissioners Court not to exceed \$20 [~~\$10~~] in each civil case, except suits for delinquent taxes, hereafter filed in every county or district court; provided, however, that in no event shall the county be liable for said costs in any case. Such costs shall be collected by the clerks of the respective courts in said counties and paid by said clerks to the County Treasurer *or officer performing the duties of County Treasurer* to be kept by said Treasurer *or officer* in a separate fund to be known as the "County Law Library Fund." Such fund shall not be used for any other purpose.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on September 1, 1987, and only applies to fees payable on or after that date.

SECTION 3. 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 according to its terms, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 12, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 0. Passed the House on April 30, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 12, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.