

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Article 103.003 (Collection), Code of Criminal Procedure, governs the collection of monies owed in a criminal case. Under current law, district and county attorneys, clerks of district and county courts, sheriffs, constables, and justices of the peace may collect fines and fees owed a county resulting from a criminal matter. Additionally, a community supervision and corrections department (CSCD) serving a county with a population of 2.8 million or more may collect fines and fees or a county may contract for private collection services.

H.B. 1470 removes the population bracket under Article 103.003, Code of Criminal Procedure, and allows a CSCD to coordinate with the clerk of the court or fee officer for the collection of monies owed.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Article 103.003(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize a community supervision and corrections department to collect money payable under this title with the written approval of the clerk of the court or fee officer, and to collect money payable as otherwise provided by law. Deletes existing text making this section applicable to a community supervision and corrections department serving a county with a population of 2.8 million or more.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.