

statewide impact as determined by the office of court administration.

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 72.031 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.031. ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM. (a) In this section:

(1) "Appellate court" means the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, or a court of appeals.

(2) "Electronic filing system" means the filing system established by supreme court rule or order for the electronic filing of documents in courts of this state.

(3) "Electronic filing transaction" means the simultaneous electronic filing of one or more documents related to a proceeding before a court in this state.

(4) "Local government" means a county or municipality.

(b) The office as authorized by supreme court rule or order may implement an electronic filing system for use in the courts of this state.

(c) A local government or appellate court that uses the electronic filing system may charge a fee of \$2 for each electronic filing transaction if:

(1) the fee is necessary to recover the actual system operating costs reasonably incurred by the local government or appellate court to:

(A) accept electronic payment methods; or

(B) interface with other technology information