

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to service of process;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.008. COLLECTION OF FEES. (a) The process server review board may set fees for the certification of a person as a process server. The supreme court must approve a fee adopted by the process server review board under this section.

(b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System may collect the fees adopted by the process server review board. Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the general revenue fund.

(c) Fees collected and deposited under this section may be used only for the support of programs of the supreme court, the process server review board, or the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System for certification programs of the judiciary. The supreme court must approve the purpose of any expenditure under this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 72.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.013. PROCESS SERVER REVIEW BOARD. A person appointed

to the process server review board is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in attending process server review board meetings. Reimbursement may be made from the process server review account in the judicial fund.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.