BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 284 By: Brown Criminal Justice 2/11/1999 As Filed

DIGEST

Currently, Texas law establishes a fee of \$10 collected by a prosecutor for collecting and processing a dishonored check in which the face value does not exceed \$100. This bill would change the fee to \$10 if the face amount of the check does not exceed \$10, and \$15 if the face amount of the check is greater than \$10 but does not exceed \$100.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 284 sets forth the fees to be collected by a prosecutor for collecting and processing a dishonored or forged check or similar sight order.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 102.007(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, to prohibit the amount of a fee from exceeding \$10, rather than \$100, if the face amount of the check does not exceed \$10, or \$15 if the face amount of the check is greater than \$10 but does not exceed \$100. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.