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Wooton HB No. 122

Abstract: Allows division of probation and parole to charge the defendant a fee to defray the cost of presentence investigations.

Present law authorizes the court to order a presentence investigation on a defendant convicted of a felony offense or a misdemeanor offense that has been reduced from a felony.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that when the court orders a presentence investigation of the defendant, the court shall order that the defendant pay to the department an amount not to exceed $150 to defray the cost of conducting the presentence investigation and preparing the presentence investigation report.

Proposed law provides that the amount of the fee shall be determined by the department based on the defendant's ability to pay.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 875(A)(4))