

CHAPTER 729

H.B. No. 104

AN ACT

relating to research fees charged by certain libraries in the state library system.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 441.139 to read as follows:

*Sec. 441.139. RESEARCH FEES FOR FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES. (a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this subchapter, a library, including a public library, in a city with a population of 1,000,000 or more and that has adopted a council-manager form of government, may charge a reasonable fee to a for-profit business entity for providing in-depth research services or research support relating to the entity's business activities.*

*(b) A library may not charge a fee under this section in circumstances under which charging a fee is not allowed by federal law for federal funding purposes.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 30, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.