

CHAPTER 850

H.B. No. 2165

AN ACT

relating to the liability of a taxing unit for certain costs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.49(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, a taxing unit is not liable in a suit to collect taxes for court costs, including any fees for service of process, *arbitration*, or *mediation*, and may not be required to post security for costs.

SECTION 2. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 7, 1993: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective June 19, 1993.