

CHAPTER 451

H.B. No. 2751

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of certain documents by county clerks.

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

SECTION 1. Section 118.014(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The fees [fee] for “Certified Papers” under Section 118.011 are [is] for the county clerk’s certificate that shall be placed on each page or part of a page, and a fee for copying each page or part of a page, of a [~~and for issuing each certified copy,~~] notice, statement, license, or document that the clerk is authorized or required to issue. The fees [fee] must be paid [in cash] at the time the order is placed.

SECTION 2. Section 118.059, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 118.059. ISSUING DOCUMENT [~~REQUIRING RETURN, NO PENDING ACTION~~]. (a) The fee [fees] for “Issuing Document [~~Requiring a Return, No Pending Action~~]” under Section 118.052(3) is [are] for [~~services in connection with which no action is pending,~~

[(b) ~~The fee for~~] issuing an original document and one copy and includes recording the return of the document.

(b) [(e)] The fee for issuing for the same action at the same time more than one set of an original and one copy of the same document includes recording the return of the document. The fee must be paid at the time the order is placed.

(c) [(d)] In this section, “document” includes a citation, notice, commission to take depositions, execution, order, writ, process, or other instrument or paper authorized or required to be issued by the clerk [~~and on which a return must be recorded~~].

SECTION 3. Section 118.060(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The fees [fee] for “Certified Papers[~~, No Return Required~~]” under Section 118.052(3) are [is] for the county [the] clerk’s certificate that shall be placed on each page or part of a page, and a fee for copying each page or part of a page, of a [~~and for issuing a certificate, certified copy,~~] notice, statement, transcript, or other document authorized or required to be issued by the clerk [~~on which no return is to be recorded~~].

SECTION 4. Section 118.011(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county clerk shall collect the following fees for services rendered to any person:

- (1) Personal Property Records Filing (Sec. 118.012) \$ 2.00
- (2) Real Property Records Filing (Sec. 118.013):
 - for the first page \$ 3.00
 - for each additional page or part of a page on which there are visible marks of any kind \$ 2.00
 - for all or part of each 8½” X 14” attachment or rider \$ 2.00
 - for each name in excess of five names that has to be indexed in all records in which the document must be indexed \$ 0.25
- (3) Certified Papers (Sec. 118.014):
 - for the clerk’s certificate \$ 5.00 [~~\$ 1.00~~]
 - plus a fee for each page or part of a page [of] \$ 1.00
- (4) Birth or Death Certificate (Sec. 118.015) same as state registrar
- (5) Bond Approval (Sec. 118.016) \$ 3.00
- (6) Notary Appointment (Sec. 118.017) \$ 4.00
- (7) Marriage License (Sec. 118.018) \$25.00
- (8) Declaration of Informal Marriage (Sec. 118.019) \$25.00
- (9) Brand Registration (Sec. 118.020) \$ 5.00
- (10) Oath Administration (Sec. 118.021) \$ 1.00

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 6. 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 10, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

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