

CHAPTER 185

S.B. No. 1022

AN ACT

relating to court-ordered fees in Bexar County in cases related to the parent-child relationship.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (d), (e), and (f), Section 152.0214, Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The commissioners court by order may provide for the collection of a fee in an amount set by the commissioners court not to exceed \$15 on the filing in the county of:

(1) a suit for the dissolution of a marriage, *if the suit affects the parent-child relationship*;

(2) a suit affecting the parent-child relationship or a motion to modify a decree in such a suit; and

(3) a petition for further action relating to a child.

(e) The commissioners court shall use the fee collected under Subsection (d) to provide additional funding for legal services *necessary to provide any of the services authorized by this section*. The commissioners court by order may waive the fee for governmental agencies, private adoption agencies, or charitable organizations.

(f) The commissioners court by order may provide for the collection of a [~~child support services~~] fee *to fund any of the services authorized by this section* in an amount set by the commissioners court not to exceed \$36 on the filing in the county of:

(1) a suit for the dissolution of a marriage, if the suit affects the parent-child relationship;

(2) *a suit affecting the parent-child relationship* or a motion to modify a decree in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship; and

(3) a petition for further action relating to a child.

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 the Senate on April 15, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 7, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.