

CHAPTER 22

S.B. No. 386

AN ACT

relating to court costs imposed to finance a county's alternate dispute resolution system.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 2, Chapter 26, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 2372aa, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) To establish and maintain the alternative dispute resolution system, court costs to be set by the commissioners court in an amount not to exceed \$10 [\$5] may be taxed, collected, and paid as other court costs in each civil case, except suits for delinquent

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taxes, filed in a county or district court in the county. However, the county is not liable for the payment of these costs in any case.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies to court costs for civil cases for which the original petition is filed on or after that date. Court costs for a civil case for which the original petition was filed before the effective date of this Act are covered by Subsection (a), Section 2, Chapter 26, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 2372aa, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as it existed on the date the case was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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 February 26, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Passed the House on April 2, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved April 14, 1987.

Effective September 1, 1987.