

CHAPTER 143

S.B. No. 715

AN ACT

relating to certain fees set by commissioners courts.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3926a, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Subsections (c) through (g) to read as follows:

*(c) A commissioners court may not set fees pursuant to this article more than once during any one-year period.*

*(d) The commissioners court must set the fees pursuant to this article before October 1 of each year to be effective January 1 of the following year.*

*(e) A notice setting out the fees shall be posted in the same manner in which notices are posted under Article 2347, Revised Statutes, and shall be posted in the offices of the county officials who are authorized to charge the fees.*

*(f) The commissioners court shall provide written notice of the amounts of the fees set pursuant to this article not later than October 15 of each year to:*

- (1) the commissioners court of each county in this state;*
- (2) any statewide association of counties or of officers of counties that requests in writing before September 30 to be informed; and*
- (3) the State Bar of Texas.*

*(g) Each commissioners court that receives a notice under Subdivision (1) of Subsection (f) of this article shall furnish the notice to its district clerk, county clerk, justices of the peace, sheriff, and constables.*

SECTION 2. The changes made by this Act to Article 3926a, Revised Statutes, apply only to fees set on or after the effective date of this Act. Fees set before the effective date are governed by the law in effect at the time the fees were set, and the former law is continued in effect for this 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 24, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 21, 1987.

Effective May 21, 1987.