

1-1 By: Cook (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 1989
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2023;
 1-3 April 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Springer	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Parker	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the fees assessed by a district clerk for copies of
 1-20 certain court documents.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 51.318, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (e) The district clerk may not charge [~~United States~~
 1-26 ~~Immigration and Customs Enforcement or United States Citizenship~~
 1-27 ~~and Immigration Services]~~ a fee for a copy of any document on file
 1-28 or of record in the clerk's office relating to an individual's
 1-29 criminal history, regardless of whether the document is certified,
 1-30 to:

1-31 (1) United States Immigration and Customs
 1-32 Enforcement;

1-33 (2) United States Citizenship and Immigration
 1-34 Services; or

1-35 (3) a criminal justice agency that requests the
 1-36 document for a criminal justice purpose, including a request to
 1-37 determine an individual's eligibility to purchase a firearm.

1-38 (f) In this section, "criminal justice agency" and
 1-39 "criminal justice purpose" have the meanings assigned by Section
 1-40 411.082.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-42 to a fee for a copy of a court document requested on or after the
 1-43 effective date of this Act. A fee for a copy of a court document
 1-44 requested before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
 1-45 law in effect when the copy was requested, and the former law is
 1-46 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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