

Amend CSHB 2292 by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and by renumbering the other SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter D, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.321 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.321. FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FEE. (a) The commissioners court of a county may adopt a family violence prevention fee in an amount not to exceed \$15.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the district clerk shall collect the family violence prevention fee at the time a suit for dissolution of a marriage under Chapter 6, Family Code, is filed. The fee is in addition to any other fee collected by the district clerk.

(c) The clerk may not collect a fee under this section from a person who is protected by an order issued under:

- (1) Subtitle B, Title 4, Family Code; or
- (2) Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(d) The district clerk shall pay a fee collected under this section to the appropriate officer of the county in which the suit is filed for deposit in the county treasury to the credit of the family violence prevention account. The account may be used by the commissioners court of the county only to fund public or private nonprofit organizations providing shelter or services, including civil legal services, to victims of family violence. In this subsection, "family violence" has the meaning assigned by Section 71.004, Family Code.

(b) This section of the bill takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies only to a filing fee collected for a suit for the dissolution of a marriage under Chapter 6, Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A filing fee collected for a suit for the dissolution of a marriage under Chapter 6, Family Code, before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.