

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law authorizes an administering entity of a county domestic relations office to allow and approve certain fees to be assessed and collected by a county domestic relations office. H.B. 1833 allows a county domestic relations office to add an initial filing fee, not to exceed \$15, on the filing of a suit and to charge reasonable fees for services offered and provides that these additional fees for visitation services are a local county option.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 203.005(a), Family Code, to authorize the administering entity to authorize a domestic relations office to assess and collect certain fees.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.