

AN ACT

relating to certain fees that may be assessed and collected by a domestic relations office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 203.005(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The administering entity may authorize a domestic relations office to assess and collect:

(1) an initial operations fee not to exceed \$15 to be paid to the domestic relations office on the filing of a suit;

(2) in a county that has a child support enforcement cooperative agreement with the Title IV-D agency, an initial child support service fee not to exceed \$36 to be paid to the domestic relations office on the filing of a suit;

(3) a reasonable application fee to be paid by an applicant requesting services from the office;

(4) a reasonable attorney's fee and court costs incurred or ordered by the court;

(5) a monthly service fee not to exceed \$3 to be paid annually in advance by a managing conservator and possessory conservator for whom the domestic relations office provides services;

(6) community supervision fees as provided by Chapter 157 if community supervision officers are employed by the domestic

1 relations office; [~~and~~]

2 (7) a reasonable fee for preparation of a
3 court-ordered social study; and

4 (8) in a county that provides visitation services
5 under Sections 153.014 and 203.004 a reasonable fee to be paid to
6 the domestic relations office at the time the visitation services
7 are provided.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1833 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1833 on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1833 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor