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H.B. No. 1833

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (6) community supervision fees as provided by Chapter  
24 157 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:

6 (A) an initial filing fee not to exceed \$15 to be  
7 paid to the domestic relations office on the filing of a suit; and

8 (B) a reasonable fee to be paid to the domestic  
9 relations office at the time visitation services are provided.

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