

1-1 By: Goodman (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 1833  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;  
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2003, reported favorably, as amended, by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2003, sent to  
1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Harris

1-8 Amend H.B. 1833 by striking Page 1, lines 42-46 (Committee  
1-9 Printing Version) and inserting:  
1-10 "under Sections 153.014 and 203.004 a reasonable fee to be paid to  
1-11 the domestic relations office at the time of the visitation  
1-12 services are provided."

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to certain fees that may be assessed and collected by a  
1-16 domestic relations office.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 203.005(a), Family Code, is amended to  
1-19 read as follows:

1-20 (a) The administering entity may authorize a domestic  
1-21 relations office to assess and collect:

1-22 (1) an initial operations fee not to exceed \$15 to be  
1-23 paid to the domestic relations office on the filing of a suit;

1-24 (2) in a county that has a child support enforcement  
1-25 cooperative agreement with the Title IV-D agency, an initial child  
1-26 support service fee not to exceed \$36 to be paid to the domestic  
1-27 relations office on the filing of a suit;

1-28 (3) a reasonable application fee to be paid by an  
1-29 applicant requesting services from the office;

1-30 (4) a reasonable attorney's fee and court costs  
1-31 incurred or ordered by the court;

1-32 (5) a monthly service fee not to exceed \$3 to be paid  
1-33 annually in advance by a managing conservator and possessory  
1-34 conservator for whom the domestic relations office provides  
1-35 services;

1-36 (6) community supervision fees as provided by Chapter  
1-37 157 if community supervision officers are employed by the domestic  
1-38 relations office; ~~and~~

1-39 (7) a reasonable fee for preparation of a  
1-40 court-ordered social study; and

1-41 (8) in a county that provides visitation services  
1-42 under Sections 153.014 and 203.004:

1-43 (A) an initial filing fee not to exceed \$15 to be  
1-44 paid to the domestic relations office on the filing of a suit; and

1-45 (B) a reasonable fee to be paid to the domestic  
1-46 relations office at the time visitation services are provided.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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