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S.B. No. 954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county to charge a fee for a plat application.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 232, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 232.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 232.0021. PLAT APPLICATION FEE. (a) The commissioners court may impose an application fee to cover the cost of the county's review of a subdivision plat and inspection of street, road, and drainage improvements described by the plat.

(b) The fee may vary based on the number of proposed lots in the subdivision, the acreage described by the plat, the type or extent of proposed street and drainage improvements, or any other reasonable criteria as determined by the commissioners court.

(c) The owner of the tract to be subdivided must pay the fee at the time directed by the county before the county conducts a review of the plat.

(d) The fee is subject to refund under Section 232.0025(i).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies only to a plat filed on or after that date.