

Amend **HB 626** (second reading engrossment) on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 406.024, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a [A] notary public or its employer may charge the following fees:

(1) for protesting a bill or note for nonacceptance or nonpayment, register and seal, a fee of \$4;

(2) for each notice of protest, a fee of \$1;

(3) for protesting in all other cases, a fee of \$4;

(4) for certificate and seal to a protest, a fee of \$4;

(5) for taking the acknowledgment or proof of a deed or other instrument in writing, for registration, including certificate and seal, a fee of \$6 for the first signature and \$1 for each additional signature;

(6) for administering an oath or affirmation with certificate and seal, a fee of \$6;

(7) for a certificate under seal not otherwise provided for, a fee of \$6;

(8) for a copy of a record or paper in the notary public's office, a fee of 50 cents for each page;

(9) for taking the deposition of a witness, 50 cents for each 100 words;

(10) for swearing a witness to a deposition, certificate, seal, and other business connected with taking the deposition, a fee of \$6; and

(11) for a notarial act not provided for, a fee of \$6.

(c) A notary public or its employer may not charge a fee for the notarization of an affidavit required under Section 13.072(e), Election Code.