

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2272
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Judiciary
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Improvements to the facilities housing the Bexar County civil and criminal courts are needed. The purpose of this bill is to impose a fee on civil filings in Bexar County to fund such improvements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

The bill would add a provision to the Government Code requiring court clerks to collect a filing fee of up to \$15 in certain civil cases. The fee would be used to fund improvements to courthouse facilities. The fee is contingent on a commissioners court resolution and is subject to rescission by the commissioners court. The fee would sunset in 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately on receipt of required vote; otherwise September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute removes justice court filings from the filing fee in Section 1 of the bill. The substitute also extends the sunset date of the fee from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2022.