

Amend SB 865 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) In Section 23 of the bill, in amended Section 231.202, Family Code, strike Subdivision (4) of that section (page 15, lines 7-12) and substitute the following:

(4) the fee for services provided by ~~[that]~~ sheriffs and constables, including:

(A) a fee ~~[are]~~ authorized ~~[to charge for serving process]~~ under Section 118.131, Local Government Code, for serving each item of process to each individual on whom service is required, including service by certified or registered mail~~[, to be paid to a sheriff, constable, or clerk whenever service of process is required]~~; and

(B) a fee authorized under Section 157.103(b) for serving a capias;

(2) In Section 23 of the bill, in Section 231.202(5), Family Code (page 15, line 14), strike "and" and substitute "~~and~~".

(3) In Section 23 of the bill, in Section 231.202(6), Family Code (page 15, line 16), strike the period and substitute "; and".

(4) In Section 23 of the bill, immediately following Section 231.202(6), Family Code (page 15, between lines 16 and 17), insert the following:

(7) a fee authorized under a local rule for the electronic filing of documents with a clerk.

(5) In Section 40 of the bill, strike Subsection (b) of that section (page 19, lines 17 and 18) and substitute the following:

(b) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 158.203 and 231.202, Family Code, take effect September 1, 2009.

(6) Insert the following appropriately numbered section in the bill and renumber the sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 231.202, Family Code, by the amendment of Subdivision (4) and the enactment of Subdivision (7) of that section apply to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship pending in a trial court on or filed on or after September 1, 2009.