

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires that notice of the date, time, and place that certain commissioners courts (those in counties near an international border) will consider an application to revise a subdivision plat be published three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Furthermore, certain landowners must be provided notice of the meeting by certified or registered mail. In most cases, the cost of publication and mailing exceeds the plat process fee as set by order of the commissioners court. This bill allows certain counties to recoup some of the costs for these publication requirements.

C.S.H.B. 1680 authorizes the commissioners court to impose a fee for an application under this section. The bill requires the amount of the fee to be based on the cost of processing the application.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 232.041, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Authorizes the commissioners court to impose a fee for an application under this section. Requires that the amount of the fee be based on the cost of processing the application, including the notices required under Subsection (b) (relating to requiring the commissioners court to issue a public notice regarding a hearing relating to the protest to a revision of a plat) not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.