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H.B. No. 1239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees charged by certain entities administering
alternative dispute resolution systems for counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 152.006, Civil Practice and Remedies
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 152.006. FEE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
CENTERS. (a) An entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1) that
provides services for the resolution of disputes in a county that
borders the Gulf of Mexico with a population of 250,000 or more but
less than 300,000 may collect a reasonable fee in any amount set by
the commissioners court from a person who receives the services.

~~[This section may not be construed to affect the collection of a fee
by any other entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1).]~~

(b) An entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1) that
provides services for the resolution of disputes in a county other
than a county described by Subsection (a) may collect from a person
who receives the services a reasonable fee in an amount set by the
commissioners court not to exceed \$25, except that a judge
referring a case to the entity under Section 152.003 may, on motion
of a party, order that the fee be waived.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
to a case referred to a county alternative dispute resolution
system on or after the effective date of this Act. A case referred

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1 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
2 applicable to the case immediately before that date, and that law is
3 continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.