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H.B. No. 2902

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to lost, damaged, or overdue county library property;  
authorizing fines; authorizing a civil penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 323, Local Government Code, is amended  
by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. LIBRARY FINES; CIVIL PENALTY

Sec. 323.071. LIBRARY FINES. (a) The commissioners court  
by order may establish reasonable fines to be collected by a county  
library for lost, damaged, or overdue library property.

(b) The fines shall be deposited in the county free library  
fund.

Sec. 323.072. ABUSE OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES. (a) The  
commissioners court by order may adopt reasonable regulations that  
prohibit a person from abusing library services by intentionally  
failing to pay a library fine or return library property.

(b) A person who violates a regulation adopted by the county  
under this section is liable to the county for a civil penalty of  
not more than \$100 for each violation. A county may bring suit in a  
district or county court to recover a civil penalty authorized by  
this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.