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S.B. No. 719

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to fees charged by certain entities administering
3 alternative dispute resolution systems for counties.

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

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

7 Sec. 152.006. FEE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
8 CENTERS. (a) An entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1) that
9 provides services for the resolution of disputes in a county that
10 borders the Gulf of Mexico with a population of 250,000 or more but
11 less than 300,000 may collect a reasonable fee in any amount set by
12 the commissioners court from a person who receives the services.
13 ~~[This section may not be construed to affect the collection of a fee~~
14 ~~by any other entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1).]~~

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

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

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.