

Amend CSHB 3474 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.711 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.711. ADDITIONAL FILING FEE FOR CIVIL CASES IN HIDALGO COUNTY. (a) This section applies only to district courts, statutory probate courts, and county courts at law in Hidalgo County.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this section and in addition to all other fees authorized or required by other law, the clerk of a court shall collect a filing fee of not more than \$20 in each civil case filed in the court to be used for the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the Hidalgo County civil courts.

(c) Court fees due under this section shall be collected in the same manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the case.

(d) The clerk shall send the fees collected under this section to the county treasurer or to any other official who discharges the duties commonly assigned to the county treasurer at least as frequently as monthly. The treasurer or other official shall deposit the fees in a special account in the county treasury dedicated to the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the courts collecting the fee.

(e) This section applies only to fees for a 12-month period beginning October 1, if the commissioners court:

(1) adopts a resolution authorizing a fee of not more than \$20;

(2) adopts a resolution requiring the county to spend one dollar for the construction, renovation, or improvement of the court facilities for each dollar spent from the special account dedicated to that purpose; and

(3) files the resolutions with the county treasurer or with any other official who discharges the duties commonly assigned to the county treasurer not later than September 1 immediately preceding the first 12-month period during which the fees are to be

collected.

(f) A resolution adopted under Subsection (e) continues from year to year until October 1, 2030, allowing the county to collect fees under the terms of this section until the resolution is rescinded.

(g) The commissioners court may rescind a resolution adopted under Subsection (e) by adopting a resolution rescinding the resolution and submitting the rescission resolution to the county treasurer or to any other official who discharges the duties commonly assigned to the county treasurer not later than September 1 preceding the beginning of the first day of the county fiscal year. The commissioners court may adopt an additional resolution in the manner provided by Subsection (e) after rescinding a previous resolution adopted under that subsection.

(h) A fee established under a particular resolution is abolished on the earlier of:

(1) the date a resolution adopted under Subsection (e) is rescinded as provided by Subsection (g); or

(2) October 1, 2030.

(i) The county may make the required expenditure described by Subsection (e)(2) at any time, regardless of when the expenditure from the special account occurs.

SECTION _____. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.061192 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.061192. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEES FOR COURT FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court in Hidalgo County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more than \$20 under Section 51.711 in civil cases to fund the construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court.

SECTION _____. Subchapter E, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.081191 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.081191. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES FOR COURT FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court in Hidalgo County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more than \$20 under Section 51.711 in civil cases to fund the construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if

authorized by the county commissioners court.

SECTION _____. Subchapter F, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.10119 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.10119. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES FOR COURT FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate court in Hidalgo County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more than \$20 under Section 51.711 in civil cases to fund the construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if authorized by the county commissioners court.

SECTION _____. Section 118.011, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The county clerk of a county shall, if the commissioners court of the county adopts the fee, collect the following fee from any person:

Real Property Records Filing Fee (Sec. 118.0131)
. not more than \$10

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 118, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 118.0131 to read as follows:

Sec. 118.0131. OPTIONAL RECORDING FEES FOR COURT FACILITIES: HIDALGO COUNTY. The county clerk of Hidalgo County may assess an additional fee not to exceed \$10 for real property records filing to fund the construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if authorized by the commissioners court of the county.

SECTION _____. The changes in law made by Sections ____ through ____ of this Act apply only to a fee that becomes payable on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee that becomes payable before that date is governed by the law in effect when the fee became payable, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.