

1-1 By: Phelan (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 884  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;  
 1-3 May 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the abolishment of the Orange County child support  
 1-20 office and to the divorce and contempt fees paid in Orange County.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 152.1872(f) and (g), Human Resources  
 1-23 Code, are transferred to Section 152.1873, Human Resources Code,  
 1-24 redesignated as Subsections (f) and (g) of that section, and  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (f) Fees collected under this section [~~and Section~~  
 1-27 ~~152.1873~~] shall be deposited in a separate fund known as the  
 1-28 "divorce and contempt fees fund [Child Support Fund]" by the county  
 1-29 treasurer. A record shall be kept of all fees collected and  
 1-30 expended. The divorce and contempt fees [child support] fund is  
 1-31 subject to regular audit by the county auditor or other authorized  
 1-32 person. An annual report of receipts and expenditures in the  
 1-33 account shall be made to the commissioners court by the auditor.

1-34 (g) The Orange County Juvenile Board [juvenile board] shall  
 1-35 administer the fees collected under this section [~~and Section~~  
 1-36 ~~152.1873~~] to meet the expenses of the juvenile board [office],  
 1-37 including postage, equipment, stationery, office supplies,  
 1-38 subpoenas, salaries, and other expenses authorized by the board.  
 1-39 The fund shall be supplemented from the general fund or other  
 1-40 available funds of the county as necessary.

1-41 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 152.1873, Human Resources  
 1-42 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 152.1873. DIVORCE [ADOPTION] AND CONTEMPT FEES IN  
 1-44 ORANGE COUNTY.

1-45 SECTION 3. Sections 152.1873(a) and (d), Human Resources  
 1-46 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-47 (a) Each person who files a divorce case in Orange County  
 1-48 shall pay to the clerk of the district court a filing fee of not less  
 1-49 than \$5. The fee is taxed, collected, and paid as other costs and is  
 1-50 used to assist in maintaining the Orange County Juvenile Board as  
 1-51 provided by Subsection (g) [child support office].

1-52 (d) A receipt of all disbursements of money paid to [into]  
 1-53 the Orange County Juvenile Board [child support office] in a matter  
 1-54 involving contempt shall be kept on file.

1-55 SECTION 4. The following are repealed:

1-56 (1) the heading to Section 152.1872, Human Resources  
 1-57 Code; and

1-58 (2) Sections 152.1872(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e),  
 1-59 Human Resources Code.

1-60 SECTION 5. On the effective date of this Act:

1-61 (1) the Orange County child support office is

2-1 abolished;  
2-2 (2) the obligations, rights, records, equipment, and  
2-3 personnel of the former office are transferred to the Orange County  
2-4 Juvenile Board; and  
2-5 (3) any money remaining in the Orange County child  
2-6 support fund shall be transferred to the divorce and contempt fees  
2-7 fund for the Orange County Juvenile Board.  
2-8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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