**BILL ANALYSIS**

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| Senate Research Center | H.B. 1646 |
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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties contend that waiving certain fees relating to an assumed business or professional name certificate or a statement of abandonment of use of an assumed name for a registrant who is a military veteran is a simple way to honor veterans' service. H.B. 1646 seeks to authorize such a fee waiver.

H.B. 1646 amends the Business and Commerce Code to authorize a county clerk to waive all fees related to filing an assumed business or professional name certificate or a statement of abandonment of use of an assumed name for a registrant who is a military veteran.

H.B. 1646 amends current law relating to the waiver of certain fees for an assumed name certificate or a statement of abandonment of use of an assumed name filed by a military veteran.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 71.155, Business and Commerce Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a) Requires the county clerk, except as provided by Subsection (a-1), to collect a fee of a certain amount for documentation.

(a-1) Authorizes the county clerk to waive all fees under Subsection (a) for a registrant who is a military veteran. Defines "military veteran."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.