

1-1 By: Schofield (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 3389
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
 1-3 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
 1-4 May 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Hinojosa			X	
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Birdwell	X			
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Huffman			X	
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Nichols	X			
1-15 Schwertner			X	
1-16 Seliger			X	
1-17 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-18 Uresti	X			
1-19 Watson			X	
1-20 West	X			
1-21 Whitmire			X	

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to fees taxed as costs of suit for certain delinquent tax
 1-26 suits.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 33.73, Tax Code, is amended by adding
 1-29 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-30 (c) The district clerk shall collect the fees taxed as costs
 1-31 of suit and award the fees to the master as required under
 1-32 Subsection (b) in each delinquent tax suit for which a master is
 1-33 appointed under Section 33.71, regardless of the disposition of the
 1-34 suit subject to this subsection. Fees may not be collected or
 1-35 awarded in a suit dismissed by the master unless the master:

- 1-36 (1) held at least one hearing on the suit; or
- 1-37 (2) prepared for the suit for at least a number of
 1-38 hours equivalent to the time typically required to conduct a
 1-39 hearing.

1-40 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-41 to a delinquent tax suit for which a master is appointed that is
 1-42 filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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