

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 19, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1234** by Martinez, "Mando" (Relating to filing fees imposed in civil cases in Hidalgo County and Cameron County.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Government Code to authorize use of an existing court filing fee funding the construction, revocation, or improvement of county civil courts to include payment of principal, interest, and costs of bonds for these improvements for Hidalgo and Cameron counties. The bill also extends existing timelines for the continuation of this fee.

According to the Office of Court Administration, the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact to the state court system because no part of the proposed fee would be directed to the State.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Office of Court Administration, no immediate fiscal impact to the local courts of Hidalgo County and Cameron County is anticipated, as both counties have already exercised the statutory authority to impose the \$20 filing fee and the amount of the fee would not be changed by the bill.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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