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H.B. No. 2988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the award of costs and attorney's fees in an action involving the exercise of certain constitutional rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 27.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 27.0091. COSTS. In any legal action subject to this chapter, the court may award costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees as are equitable and just.

SECTION 2. Sections 27.007 and 27.009, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An action filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.