

SUBJECT: Increasing secretary of state fees for expedited document handling

COMMITTEE: Business and Industry — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Brimer, Rhodes, Corte, Dukes, Giddings, Janek, Solomons,  
Woolley

0 nays

1 absent — Elkins

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 28 — 31-0

WITNESSES: (*On House companion, HB 2631*)  
For — None

Against — None

On — Carmen Flores, Texas Secretary of State

DIGEST: SB 1837 would authorize the Office of the Secretary of State to increase certain fees it charges for expedited filing and handling of business documents. It would increase:

- from \$5 to \$25 the fee assessed for expedited handling of a certified record search or document filing in its records of security interest and financing statements;
- from \$10 to \$50 the fee charged for expedited filing or reviewing of a document relating to a profit or nonprofit corporation, professional corporation or association, cooperative association, limited or general partnership, or limited liability association, and include unincorporated nonprofit associations within this group; and
- from \$5 to \$10 the fee for expedited handling of a request for a certified copy or certificate of fact relating to a corporation, limited partnership,

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assumed name, trademark document, or other document filed for public record with the corporations section of the office.

SB 1837 would take effect September 1, 1997.

NOTES: A related bill, SB 1838 by Ratliff, increasing other fees collected by the secretary of state, passed the House on May 25.