

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 920  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law allows for a \$3 monthly fee to be paid by a managing conservator and possessory conservator for whom the domestic relations office acts as a local child support registry. S.B. 920 would establish the collection of child support service filing fees by a domestic relations office.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 920 authorizes the collection of child support services fee by a domestic relations office.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 203.005(a), Family Code, to authorize the administering entity to authorize a domestic relations office to assess and collect either an initial operations fee not to exceed \$15 or, in a county that has a child support enforcement cooperative agreement with the Title IV-D agency, an initial child support service fee not to exceed \$51 to be paid to a domestic relations office on the filing of a suit. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 110.006, Family Code, as follows:

Sec. 110.006. New heading: DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE FEES. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 203.005(a), Family Code, to authorize the administering entity to authorize a domestic relations office to assess and collect either an initial operations fee not to exceed \$15 or, in a county that has a child support enforcement cooperative agreement with the Title IV-D agency, an initial child support service fee not to exceed \$51, rather than \$36, to be paid to a domestic relations office on the filing of a suit.

SECTION 2.

Amends Section 110.006, Family Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4.

Deletes emergency clause.