

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature established a civil court filing fee add-on to support civil legal services to the poor. The filing fee add-on generates more than \$3 million annually for the Basic Civil Legal Services fund. As proposed, S.B. 1046 doubles the amount of the fee add-ons.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51.941(a), Government Code, to increase certain court filing fees used to provide basic civil legal services to the indigent.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.