

**District Court Civil Filing Fees**  
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**I. Statewide Required Filing Fees (Set Amounts)**

**(1) CLERK’S BASIC FILING FEE (NEW CIVIL SUITS)**

Source: Government Code § 51.317(b)(1)

Amount: Depends on number of plaintiffs

- (a) 10 or fewer plaintiffs.....\$50.00
- (b) 11 to 25 plaintiffs .....\$75.00
- (c) 26 to 100 plaintiffs .....\$100.00
- (d) 101 to 500 plaintiffs .....\$125.00
- (e) 501 to 1,000 plaintiffs .....\$150.00
- (f) more than 1,000 plaintiffs .....\$200.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions - Part III)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County General Fund

**(2) STATE CONSOLIDATED FEE**

Source: Local Government Code § 133.151

- Amount:
- (a) Non-Family-Law Civil Cases .....\$50.00
  - (b) Family-Law Cases .....\$45.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

- Destination:
- (a) State Judicial Fund
  - (b) State Judicial Fund --Basic Civil Legal Services Account
  - (c) County may retain any interest earned on fee

**(3) TRANSFER FEE**

Source: Family Code § 110.005

Amount: \$45.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All SAPCR's transferred from other counties

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County General Fund

**(4) JUDICIAL SUPPORT FEE**

Source: Local Government Code § 133.154

Amount: \$42.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: (a) State Judicial Fund  
(b) County may retain any interest earned on fee

**(5) PETITION FOR NON-DISCLOSURE FEE**

Source: Government Code § 411.081(d)-(h)

Amount: \$28.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: New petitions for non-disclosure

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: State Comptroller – State General Revenue Fund

**(6) STATEWIDE E-FILING FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.851(b)

Amount: \$30.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)  
(b) All civil actions other than:  
(1) the following actions in family-law cases (*see* Family Code § 110.002):  

- contempt action (motion for contempt)
- motion for enforcement
- motion for modification (motion to modify)(suit for modification)
- motion to revoke a stay of license suspension
- motion to transfer
- notice of application for judicial writ of withholding
- petition for license suspension

  
(2) administrative writs of income withholding (*see* Family Code §§ 231.202, 231.204)  
(c) SPECIAL NOTE: The Court may waive this fee for an individual the court determines is indigent.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: Statewide Electronic Filing System Fund

**(7) CENTRAL ADOPTION REGISTRY FEE**

Source: Family Code § 108.006

Amount: \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new suits requesting adoption of a child

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas Vital Statistics) – special fund to operate central adoption file and central adoption registry

**(8) CLERK’S BASIC FILING FEE (ACTIONS WITHIN EXISTING CIVIL SUITS)**

Source: Government Code § 51.317(b)(2)

Amount: \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability The following actions in all civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice and Remedies Code §12.005), suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III) and contempt actions in SAPCR's (*see* Texas Family Code § 110.002):

- (a) contempt actions (motions for contempt)
- (b) counterclaims
- (c) cross-actions (cross-claims)
- (d) interventions
- (e) motions for new trial
- (f) third-party petitions

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County General Fund

**(9) FRAUDULENT LIEN SUIT FILING FEE**

Source: Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005

Amount: \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) New fraudulent lien suits  
(b) This \$15 fee is the *only* fee that may be charged in these suits

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County General Fund

**(10) RECORDS MANAGEMENT FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.317(b)(4), (c)

Amount: \$10.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

(b) All civil actions other than:

(1) the following actions in family-law cases (*see* Family Code § 110.002):

- contempt action (motion for contempt)
- motion for enforcement
- motion for modification (motion to modify)(suit for modification)
- motion to revoke a stay of license suspension
- motion to transfer
- notice of application for judicial writ of withholding
- petition for license suspension

(2) administrative writ of income withholding (*see* Family Code §§ 231.202, 231.204)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: (a) \$5 to County Records Management and Preservation Fund  
(b) \$5 to District Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund

**(11) INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FEE**

Source: Local Government Code § 133.152 (*see also* Op. Tex. Att’y Gen. No. GA-0491 (2006))

Amount: (a) Non-Family-Law Civil Cases .....\$10.00  
(b) Family-Law Cases .....\$5.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

(b) Any other civil action requiring a filing fee except the following actions in family-law cases (*see* Family Code § 110.002):

- contempt action (motion for contempt)
- motion for enforcement
- motion for modification (motion to modify)(suit for modification)
- motion to revoke a stay of license suspension
- motion to transfer
- notice of application for judicial writ of withholding
- petition for license suspension

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: (a) 95% to State Judicial Fund – Basic Civil Legal Services Account  
 (b) 5% to County General Fund as a “service fee” for collecting the fee  
 (c) County may retain any interest earned on fee

**(12) JUDICIAL AND COURT PERSONNEL TRAINING FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.971

Amount: \$5.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) On the filing of any civil action or proceeding requiring a filing fee, including an appeal, and on the filing of any counterclaim, cross-action, intervention, interpleader, or third party action requiring a filing fee.

(b) The fee does not apply to the following:

- fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005)
- actions or proceedings with no filing fees
  - motion for/findings on judicial review of lien/claim documentation (Gov’t Code §§ 51.902, 51.903)
  - expunctions suits filed within 30 days of acquittal (CCP Art. 102.006(b), *the fee is waived*)
  - minor’s application for order authorizing abortion w/o parental notice (Family Code § 33.003(n))
- certain guardianship filings
  - inventory and appraisalment – delayed
  - annual or final account
  - annual or final report of the guardianship of a person
  - lengthy delayed probate document
- certain actions in family-law cases (*see* Family Code § 110.002)
  - contempt action (motion for contempt)
  - motion for enforcement



- motion for modification (motion to modify) (suit for modification)
- motion to revoke a stay of license suspension
- motion to transfer
- notice of application for judicial writ of income withholding
- petition for license suspension
- application for the sale of property
- claims against the estate

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: (a) 100% to the state for the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund  
(b) A county may not retain a service fee on the collection of the fee  
(c) A court may waive the fee if it determines that a person is indigent

## II. Statewide Required Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

### **(13) LAW LIBRARY FEE**

Source: Local Government Code § 323.023

Amount: \$0.01 to \$35.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)  
(b) All plaintiffs except clerk's county

Local Option: Fee is mandatory but Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: County Law Library Fund

### **(14) FAMILY PROTECTION FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.961

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new suits for dissolution of marriage (*i.e.*, divorce suits, annulment suits, suits to declare a marriage void)  
(b) All plaintiffs except those persons protected by an order issued under:  
(1) Subtitle B, Title 4, Family Code (protective order)  
(2) Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure (magistrate's order for emergency protection)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory but Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: County Family Protection Account

### **(15) COURT RECORD PRESERVATION FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.708

Amount: \$0.01 to \$10.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions - Part III)

Local Option: Fee is mandatory but Commissioners Court (apparently)\* sets fee amount  
\*Statute does not say who is to set the fee.

Destination: County Court Record Preservation Account

**III. Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Set Amounts)**

**(16) CLERK’S BASIC FILING FEE (ACTIONS WITHIN SAPCR’S)**

Source: Family Code § 110.002

Amount: \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) The following actions in SAPCR’s:

- contempt action (motion for contempt)
- motion for enforcement
- motion for modification (motion to modify)(suit for modification)
- motion to revoke a stay of license suspension
- motion to transfer
- notice of application for judicial writ of withholding
- petition for license suspension

Local Option: Yes – Clerk “may” collect this fee

Destination: County General Fund

**IV. Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)**

**(17) DRO INITIAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICE FEE**

Source: Family Code § 203.005

Amount: \$0.01 to \$36.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new SAPCR's

Local Option: Yes –

- (a) Fee can be collected only if Commissioners Court establishes a County Domestic Relations Office and the County enters into a “child support cooperative agreement” with the Title IV-D Agency.”
- (b) “Administering Entity” (either Commissioners Court or Juvenile Board) “may” authorize collection of fee.
- (c) Administering Entity sets fee amount and provides for fee exemptions.

Destination: Either of the following two funds:

- (a) County General Fund
- (b) County Domestic Relations Office Fund

**(18) ADMINISTRATIVE WRIT OF INCOME WITHHOLDING FEE**

Source: Family Code § 158.503

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: Administrative writs of income withholding filed in SAPCR's

Local Option: Yes –

- (a) Clerk “may” charge the fee
- (b) Clerk sets fee amount

Destination: County General Fund

**(19) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) FEE**

Source: Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 152.004

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: New civil suits except:

- (a) delinquent tax suits
- (b) condemnation proceedings
- (c) fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005)
- (d) suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: Yes –

- (a) Fee can be collected only if a county’s Commissioners Court establishes a County Alternative Dispute Resolution System.
- (b) Commissioners Court “may” set fee.
- (c) Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: County Alternative Dispute Resolution System Fund

**(20) DRO INITIAL OPERATIONS FEE**

Source: Family Code §§ 110.006, 203.005

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No -- Only in counties that have established a Domestic Relations Office

Applicability: All new SAPCR's and all motions to modify and motions to enforce within SAPCR's

Local Option: Yes –

- (a) Fee can be collected only if Commissioners Court establishes a County Domestic Relations Office.
- (b) “Administering Entity” (either Commissioners Court or Juvenile Board) “may” authorize collection of fee.
- (c) Administering entity sets fee amount.
- (d) Administering entity may provide for certain fee exemptions.

Destination: Either of the following two funds:

- (a) County General Fund
- (b) County Domestic Relations Office Fund

**(21) MODIFICATIONS/TERMINATIONS OF WITHHOLDING REQUEST FEE**

Source: Texas Family Code § 158.403

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All requests for the issuance and delivery to a child support obligor of a modified writ of withholding or notice of termination of withholding.

Local Option: Yes – District Clerk “may” set fee

Destination: County General Fund

**(22) DISTRICT COURT RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE**

Source: Local Government Code §§ 51.305, 51.317

Amount: \$0.01 to \$10.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits, except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)  
(b) All cross-action, counterclaims, interventions, contempt actions, motions for new trial, third-party petitions  
(c) Does not apply to a document filed by a state agency

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court “may” set fee  
(b) Commissioners Court sets fee amount  
(c) Fee must be set and itemized in county’s budget and approved in a public meeting  
(d) Commissioners Court may not impose this fee after the district court records archive preservation and restoration project is complete

Destination: County District Court Records Technology Fund within the General Fund

**(23) COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE**

Source: Local Government Code § 291.008

Amount: \$0.01 to \$5.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

(b) All plaintiffs except clerk’s county

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court “may” set fee

(b) Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: County Courthouse Security Fund

**(24) DISTRICT CLERK INSURANCE CONTINGENCY FUND FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.302(e)

Amount: \$0.01 to \$5.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: Yes –

(a) Fee can be collected only if Commissioners Court establishes a contingency fund to provide insurance for District Clerk

(b) Commissioners Court “may” set this fee

(c) Commissioners Court sets fee amount

(d) Fee may only be collected until total amount of collected fees equals amount required to be in District Clerk Contingency Fund

Destination: District Clerk Insurance Contingency Fund



**V. Required Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Set Amounts)**

**(25) WICHITA COUNTY ADOPTION SUIT FEE**

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.2496

Amount: \$100.00

Statewide: No – Only in Wichita County

Applicability: All new adoption suits

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County Family Court Services Department (for placement in Adoption Investigation Fund)

**(26) EL PASO AND HIDALGO COUNTIES COURT REPORTER FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.601(a-1)

Amount: \$30.00

Statewide: No – only in counties located on the Texas-Mexico border that contain a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more – currently El Paso and Hidalgo Counties are the only such counties

Applicability: All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory (as long as the district court has an official court reporter)

Destination: County Court Reporter Service Fund

**(27) MONTAGUE COUNTY ADOPTION SUIT FEE**

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.1752

Amount: \$25.00

Statewide: No – Only in Montague County

Applicability: All new adoption suits

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County Probation Fund (to be used for adoption investigation service)

**(28) GENERAL COURT REPORTER FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.601

Amount: \$15.00

Statewide: No – all counties except counties located on the Texas-Mexico border that contain a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more (*i.e.*, El Paso County)

Applicability: All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions - Part III)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory (as long as the district court has an official court reporter)

Destination: County Court Reporter Service Fund

**(29) APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM FEE**

Source: Government Code §§ 22.2031, 22.2041, 22.2071, 22.2081, 22.2091, 22.2101, 22.2131

Amount: \$5.00

Statewide: No – Only in counties in Court of Appeals District 2 (Fort Worth), District 3 (Austin), District 6 (Texarkana), District 7 (Amarillo), District 8 (El Paso), District 9 (Beaumont), and District 12 (Tyler)

Applicability: For Court of Appeals Districts 2, 6, 8, and 12  
(a) All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III); and  
(b) All plaintiffs except any governmental entity

For Court of Appeals Districts 3, 7, and 9

(a) All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see*

Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees  
(*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III); and  
(b) All plaintiffs except clerk’s county

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: Appellate Judicial System Fund (for use by the relevant court of appeals)

**(30) COMAL COUNTY JUVENILE PLACEMENT FEE**

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.0522

Amount: \$4.00

Statewide: No – Only in Comal County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions - Part III)

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County Juvenile Special Placement Fund

**VI. Required Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Varying Amounts)**

**(31) ORANGE COUNTY ADOPTION SUIT FEE**

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.1874

Amount: Not less than \$25.00

Statewide: No – Only in Orange County

Applicability: All new adoption suits

Local Option: Fee is mandatory but Juvenile Board (apparently) sets fee amount

Destination: County Adoption Investigation Fund

**(32) ORANGE COUNTY DIVORCE SUIT FEE**

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.1873

Amount: Not less than \$5.00

Statewide: No – Only in Orange County

Applicability: All new divorce suits

Local Option: Fee is mandatory but Juvenile Board (apparently) sets fee amount

Destination: County fund used to cover expenses of the Orange County Juvenile Board

**(33) APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM FEE**

Source: Government Code §§ 22.2021, 22.2051, 22.2061, 22.2141

Amount: \$0.01 to \$5.00

Statewide: No – Only in counties in Court of Appeals Districts 1 (Houston), 4 (San Antonio), 5 (Dallas), 13 (Corpus Christi), and 14 (Houston)

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions - Part III)  
(b) All plaintiffs except clerk's county

Local Option: Fee is mandatory but Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: Appellate Judicial System Fund (for use by the relevant Court of Appeals)

**VII. Optional Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Set Amounts)**

**(34) APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM FEE**

Source: Government Code § 22.2121

Amount: \$5.00

Statewide: No – Only in counties in Court of Appeals District 11 (Eastland)

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except delinquent tax suits, fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fee (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)  
(b) All plaintiffs except governmental entities

Local Option: Yes – Fee to be established upon request of the chief justice of the 11<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

Destination: Appellate Judicial System Fund (for use by the Eastland Court of Appeals)

**VIII. Optional Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Varying Amounts)**

**(35) CAMERON COUNTY AND HIDALGO COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.711

Amount: \$0.01 to \$20.00

Statewide: No – Only in Cameron County and Hidalgo County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of October 1, 2030

Destination: Special account in the county treasury dedicated to the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the courts in the county collecting the fees.

**(36) WEBB COUNTY SECURITY FEE**

Source: Local Government Code § 291.009

Amount: \$0.01 to \$20.00

Statewide: No – Only in Webb County

Applicability: (a) All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III); and  
(b) All plaintiffs except clerk’s county

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court “may” set fee  
(b) Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: Special County Fund to be used for courthouse security

**(37) BEXAR COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.706

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Bexar County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005); suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III); and suits affecting the parent-child relationship for the adoption of a child or the termination of parental rights.

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Earliest date for assessment of fee is October 1, 2009  
(c) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(d) Fee is automatically abolished as of October 1, 2024

Destination: Special account in the county treasury dedicated to the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the Bexar County civil and criminal courts.

**(38) DALLAS COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.705

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Dallas County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of July 1, 2030

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of Dallas County civil court facilities



**(39) HAYS COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.707

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Hays County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of July 1, 2022

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of the Hays County civil court facilities

**(40) ROCKWALL COUNTY COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.709 (SB 1827 – 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature)

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Rockwall County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of July 1, 2025

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of the Rockwall County court facilities

**(41) TRAVIS COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.710

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Travis County

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of October 1, 2028

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of the Travis County civil court facilities

**(42) HARRIS COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT FEE**

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.1074

Amount: \$0.01 to \$12.00

Statewide: No – Only in Harris County

Applicability: All new suits for dissolution of marriage (*i.e.*, divorce suits, annulment suits, suits to declare a marriage void) in which the parties are parents of a “child” as defined by Family Code § 101.003.

Local Option: Yes –  
(a) Commissioners Court “may” create a child support department  
(b) If child support department is created then Commissioners Court “may” provide for collection of fee  
(c) Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: Special County Fund (to be used for the best interests of the parties in the case as determined by the district court)

**(43) WILLACY COUNTY AND STARR COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.713

Amount: \$0.01 to \$20.00

Statewide: No – Only in Willacy and Starr Counties

Applicability: All new civil suits except fraudulent lien suits (*see* Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 12.005) and suits with no filing fees (*see* District Court Civil Suits and Actions – Part III)

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee  
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution  
(c) Fee is automatically abolished on October 1, 2045, unless the Commissioners Court has already rescinded it.

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to the construction, renovation and improvement of the Willacy or Starr County civil court facilities

**IX. Other Fees (If Applicable)**

**(44) JURY FEE**

Source: Government Code § 51.604

Amount: \$40.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: When a party in a civil case applies for a jury trial.

Local Option: Fee is mandatory.

Destination: County General Fund

**(45) NONDISCLOSURE FEE FOR ORDERS OF NONDISCLOSURE UNDER § 411.072 FOR CERTAIN NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS**

Source: Government Code § 411.072(c)

Amount: \$28.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: If the court is required to issue an order of nondisclosure pursuant to § 411.072(b), Government Code, the petitioner (defendant) must pay this fee before the court issues the order.

A defendant is not required to file a petition for this type of order of nondisclosure, so a clerk should not charge fees that generally apply upon the filing of a civil petition.<sup>1</sup> OCA has provided a model letter for defendants to submit to the court. This letter is not a petition and should be used only if the court has not already issued the order.

Local Option: Fee is mandatory

Destination: 100% to the State for deposit in the State's General Revenue Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> Compare the language of § 411.072(b) with the language of §§ 411.0725(b), 411.0727(b), 411.0728(b), 411.073(b), 411.0731(b), 411.0735(b), and 411.0736(b). Unlike these other sections, Section 411.072(b) does not contain a sentence with language the same as or similar to, "the person may petition the court" or "the person is entitled to file with the court.... a petition."