



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

Amend C.S.H.B. No. 16 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 4, line 17, immediately after "COUNTY).", insert "(a)".

(2) On page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

(b) The 501st Judicial Court shall give preference to family law matters.

(3) On page 45, line 11, between "SECTION 7.02" and "Subchapter", insert "(a)".

(4) On page 46, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following subsection:

(b) This Section takes effect January 1, 2026.

(5) On page 62, line 13, strike "52.001" and substitute "154.001".

(6) In SECTION 7.23 of the bill, strike "reporting" and substitute "recording" in each place it appears in that section, including:

(A) page 62, lines 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 24; and

(B) page 63, lines 7 and 10.

(7) On page 81, line 18, strike "Section 45A.251(a-1), Government Code" and substitute "Article 45A.251(a-1), Code of Criminal Procedure".

(8) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 9 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that Article accordingly:

SECTION 9.____. (a) Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.006 to read as follows:

1 Art. 102.006. FEES IN EXPUNCTION PROCEEDINGS. (a) In
2 addition to any other fees required by other law and except as
3 provided by Subsections (b) and (b-1), a petitioner seeking
4 expunction of a criminal record in a district court shall pay the
5 following fees:

6 (1) the fee charged for filing an ex parte petition in
7 a civil action in district court;

8 (2) \$1 plus postage for each certified mailing of
9 notice of the hearing date; and

10 (3) \$2 plus postage for each certified mailing of
11 certified copies of an order of expunction.

12 (a-1) In addition to any other fees required by other law
13 and except as provided by Subsection (b), a petitioner seeking
14 expunction of a criminal record in a justice court or a municipal
15 court of record under Chapter 55A shall pay a fee of \$100 for
16 filing an ex parte petition for expunction to defray the cost of
17 notifying state agencies of orders of expunction under that
18 chapter.

19 (b) The fees under Subsection (a) or the fee under Subsection
20 (a-1), as applicable, shall be waived if the petitioner seeks
21 expunction of a criminal record that relates to an arrest for an
22 offense of which the person was acquitted, other than an acquittal
23 for an offense described by Article 55A.151, and the petition for
24 expunction is filed not later than the 30th day after the date of
25 the acquittal.

26 (b-1) The fees under Subsection (a) shall be waived if the
27 petitioner is entitled to expunction:

28 (1) under Article 55A.053(a)(2)(A) after successful
29 completion of a veterans treatment court program created under
30 Chapter 124, Government Code, or former law; or

1 (2) under Article 55A.053(a)(2)(B) after successful
2 completion of a mental health court program created under Chapter
3 125, Government Code, or former law.

4 (c) A court that grants a petition for expunction of a
5 criminal record may order that any fee, or portion of a fee,
6 required to be paid under Subsection (a) be returned to the
7 petitioner.

8 (d) This section expires January 1, 2026.

9 (b) This section takes effect immediately if this Act receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 section takes effect on the effective date of this Act.

14 SECTION 9.____. (a) Notwithstanding Section 19, S.B. 1760,
15 Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, Section
16 1023.0071, Estates Code, as added by Section 5, S.B. 1760, Acts of
17 the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, takes effect January
18 1, 2026.

19 (b) This section takes effect immediately if this Act receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 section takes effect on the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 9.____. (a) Section 23.303, Government Code, as
25 added by S.B. 293, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session,
26 2025, and effective September 1, 2025, is amended by amending
27 Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
28 follows:

29 (a) The business court, a district court, or a statutory
30 county court shall, with respect to a motion for summary judgment:

1 (1) set the motion for a hearing by ~~[hear]~~ oral argument
2 [on the motion] or by submission on a date ~~[consider the motion~~
3 ~~without oral argument]~~ not later than:

4 (A) the 60th ~~[45th]~~ day after the date ~~[the~~
5 ~~response to]~~ the motion was filed; or

6 (B) the 90th day after the date the motion was
7 filed:

8 (i) if the court's docket requires a hearing
9 on a date later than the 60th day after the date the motion was
10 filed;

11 (ii) on a showing of good cause; or

12 (iii) if the movant consents; and

13 (2) file with the clerk of the court and provide to the
14 parties a written ruling on the motion not later than the 90th day
15 after the date the motion was heard ~~[argued]~~ or considered.

16 (b) The ~~[If a motion for summary judgment is considered by~~
17 ~~a court described by Subsection (a) without oral argument, the]~~
18 court shall record in the docket the date the motion was heard or
19 considered ~~[without argument]~~.

20 **(b-1) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a motion for**
21 **summary judgment that is withdrawn.**

22 (b) Section 23.303, Government Code, as amended by this
23 section, applies only to a motion for summary judgment filed on or
24 after the effective date of this Act. A motion for summary
25 judgment filed before the effective date of this Act is governed
26 by the law in effect on the date the motion was filed, and that
27 law is continued in effect for that purpose.