

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO.\_\_\_\_

BY:

- 1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 16 (house committee report) as follows:
- 2 (1) On page 4, line 17, immediately after "COUNTY).", insert
- 3 "<u>(a)</u>".
- 4 (2) On page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:
- 5 (b) The 501st Judicial Court shall give preference to family
- 6 law matters.
- 7 (3) On page 45, line 11, between "SECTION 7.02" and
- 8 "Subchapter", insert "(a)".
- 9 (4) On page 46, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following
- 10 subsection:
- 11 (b) This Section takes effect January 1, 2026.
- 12 (5) On page 62, line 13, strike "52.001" and substitute
- 13 "154.001".
- 14 (6) In SECTION 7.23 of the bill, strike "reporting" and
- 15 substitute "recording" in each place it appears in that section,
- 16 including:
- 17 (A) page 62, lines 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 24; and
- 18 (B) page 63, lines 7 and 10.
- 19 (7) On page 81, line 18, strike "Section 45A.251(a-1),
- 20 Government Code" and substitute "Article 45A.251(a-1), Code of
- 21 Criminal Procedure".
- 22 (8) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to
- 23 Article 9 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that
- 24 Article accordingly:
- 25 SECTION 9. . (a) Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal
- 26 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 $\underline{\text{heard}}$ [ $\frac{\text{argued}}{\text{argued}}$ ] 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 <a href="heart or">heard or</a>
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.