

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, individuals may be required to perform community service as part of their sentence subsequent to a conviction in a county or justice court. Often the cost of administering such community service projects is higher than the monetary service provided by the convicted individuals' performance. This bill would create a \$20 administrative fee for a person required to perform a community service project.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 604 creates a \$20 administrative fee for a defendant required to perform a community service project in compensation for the supervision of the defendant.

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 19, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Subsection (h), as follows:

(h) Requires a judge ordering a defendant to work at a community service project to require the defendant to pay a \$20 administrative fee. Authorizes either the judge or the community supervision and corrections department supervising the defendant to collect the fee, and the fee shall be deposited in the county treasury. Authorizes the commissioners court of the county to use collected fees to compensate for costs associated with defendants' required community service projects.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.