

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a child support lien may be filed with the county clerk for past due child support. The clerk may not charge a filing fee to the attorney general's office, a domestic relations office, or a friend of the court. But other individuals filing the lien are charged. This bill amends Section 157.315(b), Family Code, to prohibit any individual from being required to pay a fee for recording a notice of lien or for releasing the lien.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 686 prohibits certain individuals from being required to pay a fee in order to file a lien in a child support matter.

### **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 157.315(b), Family Code, to prohibit a county clerk from charging the Title IV-D agency, a domestic relations office, a friend of the court, or any other party certain fees regarding a lien. Sets forth requirements for the lien to qualify for the exemption. Deletes a requirement that a county clerk collect fees for recording the notice and for releasing a lien.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.