

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, district court judges are authorized to assess fees for court-ordered social studies in juvenile and family matters. Dallas County has had a \$200 limit on such fees since 1984 and the fees have not been raised since 1994. H.B. 2368 removes the \$200 limitation on the fee that may be assessed by certain district court judges in Dallas County.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.0635(f), Human Resources Code, to authorize the judge of a district court in Dallas County that gives preference to juvenile or family law matters to assess a reasonable fee, rather than a fee of not more than \$200 a case, for adoption, family and home study investigations ordered by the judge under certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.
Makes application of this Act prospective.