



HIDALGO COUNTY LAW LIBRARY SERVICE FEES

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Re Hidalgo County Law Library's Proposed Service Fee Schedule

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Good afternoon Ms. Chapa,

Our office has no issue with the Law Library's proposed service fee schedule upon review of sections 323.021, 323.023, and 323.024 of the Texas Local Government Code. Our office would recommend the Local Government Code statutes be included as backup on the agenda for Commissioners Court, which are attached to this email.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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3 attachments **323021 Establishment and Maintenance.pdf**
115K **323023 Law Library Fund.pdf**
110K **323024 Management.pdf**
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Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated
Local Government Code (Refs & Annos)
Title 10. Parks and Other Recreational and Cultural Resources
Subtitle B. County Parks and Other Recreational and Cultural Resources
Chapter 323. County Libraries
Subchapter B. County Law Library

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 323.021

§ 323.021. Establishment and Maintenance

Effective: September 1, 2017
Currentness

(a) The commissioners court of a county by order may establish and maintain a county law library at the county seat or another location determined by the commissioners court.

(b) The commissioners court shall provide suitable space for housing the library at a place that is both convenient and accessible to the judges and litigants of the county. The commissioners court may, with the advice of the committee created under Section 323.024, use funds collected under this subchapter to acquire a location for the library, though priority in the use of funds shall be given to the acquisition of books, periodicals, other library materials, and staff for the library. The commissioners court may appropriate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to establish the library and shall annually appropriate an amount necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the library.

(c) The commissioners court of a county may establish, maintain, and operate in cooperation with other counties a joint free county law library for the benefit of the cooperating counties in the same manner that a joint county library may be established and operated under Section 323.010.

Credits

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., ch. 760 (S.B. 1911), § 2, eff. Sept. 1, 2017.

Editors' Notes

REVISOR'S NOTE

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The source law authorizes a commissioners court “to provide for, maintain and establish” a law library. The authority “to provide for” the library is omitted from the revised law because it is included within the authority to maintain and establish the library.

Notes of Decisions (2)

§ 323.021. Establishment and Maintenance, TX LOCAL GOVT § 323.021

V. T. C. A., Local Government Code § 323.021, TX LOCAL GOVT § 323.021
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V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 323.023

§ 323.023. Law Library Fund

Effective: September 1, 2017
Currentness

(a) A sum set by the commissioners court not to exceed \$35 shall be taxed, collected, and paid as other costs in each civil case filed in a county or district court, except suits for delinquent taxes. The county is not liable for the costs.

(b) The clerks of the respective courts shall collect the costs and pay them to the county treasurer, or to any other official who discharges the duties commonly delegated to the county treasurer, for deposit in a fund to be known as the county law library fund. The fund may be used only for:

(1) establishing the law library after the entry of the order creating it;

(2) purchasing or leasing library materials, maintaining the library, or acquiring furniture, shelving, or equipment for the library;

(3) purchasing or leasing library materials or acquiring library equipment, including computers, software, and subscriptions to obtain access to electronic research networks for use by judges in the county; or

(4) establishing and maintaining a self-help center to provide resources to county residents representing themselves in legal matters.

(c) Money in the fund may be used for the purposes described by Subsection (b)(3) only if the county's law librarian or, if the county has no law librarian, the person responsible for the county's law library, authorizes the use in consultation with the county auditor.

(d) Expenditures by a county under Subsection (b)(3) may not exceed \$175,000 each year. Any unexpended and unobligated balance allocated by the county for Subsection (b)(3) purposes that remains at the end of the county's fiscal year remains available for use for Subsection (b)(3) purposes during subsequent fiscal years.

(e) The county law library fund shall be administered by or under the direction of the commissioners court.

Credits

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1, § 70(a), eff. Aug. 28, 1989; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 331, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1010, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001; Acts 2017, 85th Leg., ch. 760 (S.B. 1911), § 3, eff. Sept. 1, 2017.

Notes of Decisions (6)

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V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 323.024

§ 323.024. Management

Currentness

- (a) The commissioners court of a county that has established a law library under this subchapter shall adopt rules for the use of books in the county law library.
- (b) The commissioners court may vest management of the library in a committee selected by the county bar association. Actions of the committee are subject to approval by the commissioners court.

Credits

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

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