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By: Harris Davila, et al. (Senate Sponsor - King)   H.B. No. 346
     (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;
May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic
Development; May 23, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
King	X			
Sparks	X			
Alvarado	X			
Johnson	X			
Schwertner	X			

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 346   By: Schwertner

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the fee amounts prescribed by the secretary of state for
expedited commercial and business record searches or filings and
the exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for
veteran-owned businesses.
     BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
     SECTION 1. Section 405.032, Government Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
follows:
     (a) The secretary of state may set and collect the
following:
          (1) for the expedited handling of a certified record
search or expedited filing of a document in the security interest
and financing statement records of the secretary, a fee in an amount
the secretary of state prescribes [of not more than $15];
          (2) for the expedited filing or reviewing of a
document relating to a profit or nonprofit corporation,
professional corporation or association, cooperative association,
unincorporated nonprofit association, limited or general
partnership, or limited liability company, a fee in an amount the
secretary of state prescribes [of not more than $25];
          (3) for the expedited access or access by electronic
data transmittal processes to data that is stored in state computer
record banks maintained by the secretary, a fee in an amount
reasonable and necessary to cover the costs of establishing and
administering the system. Notwithstanding any other provision of
this code, the secretary is authorized to maintain a system to
provide expedited access by electronic data transmittal processes
to all information that is stored in state computer banks
maintained by the secretary and that is not classified as
confidential by statute or a court decision; and
          (4) for the expedited handling of a request for a
certified copy or certificate of fact relating to a corporation,
limited partnership, assumed name, trademark document, or other
document filed for public record with the corporations section of
the office of the secretary of state, a fee of not more than $10 a
copy or certificate.
     (d) In prescribing fee amounts under Subsections (a)(1) and
(2), the secretary of state may prescribe a varying fee schedule
based on the type of business organization. The secretary of state
shall publish on the secretary of state's Internet website the
prescribed fee amounts and any varying fee schedule.
     SECTION 2. The following provisions are repealed:
          (1) Section 3, Chapter 859 (S.B. 938), Acts of the 87th
Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, as effective January 1, 2026,

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2-1   which amended Section 171.0001(4), Tax Code;
2-2   (2)   Section 7, Chapter 859 (S.B. 938), Acts of the 87th
2-3   Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, as effective January 1, 2026,
2-4   which amended Section 171.063(g), Tax Code; and
2-5   (3)   Section 9, Chapter 859 (S.B. 938), Acts of the 87th
2-6   Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, as effective January 1, 2026,
2-7   which provided for the repeal of Section 12.005, Business
2-8   Organizations Code, and Sections 171.0005, 171.001(d), and
2-9   171.204(d), Tax Code.
2-10   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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