

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Bill No. 1, Page 52, Section 514.040, Line 22, by inserting after the
2 word "fees" the following:

3 "as provided by this subsection"; and
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5 Further amend said bill and section, Page 53, Line 26, by inserting after the word "court." the
6 following:

7 "In the event an action involving the appointment of a guardian ad litem goes to trial, an
8 updated certification shall be filed prior to the trial commencing. The waiver of guardian ad litem
9 fees for a party who has filed a certification may be reviewed by the court at the conclusion of the
10 action upon the motion of any party requesting the court to apportion guardian ad litem fees.

11 4. Any party may present additional evidence on the financial condition of the parties.
12 Based upon that evidence, if the court finds the certifying party has the present ability to pay, the
13 court may enter judgment ordering the certifying party to pay a portion of the guardian ad litem
14 fees.

15 5. Any failure to pay guardian ad litem fees shall not preclude a certifying party from filing
16 future suits, including motions to modify, and shall not be used as a basis to limit the certifying
17 party's prosecution or defense of the action."; and
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19 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
20 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____