

(III) MAY, TO VINDICATE THE PUBLIC INTEREST, ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST THE RESPONDENT:

1. IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000, FOR A FIRST VIOLATION; AND

2. IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000, FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.

(2) IN A CIVIL ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ALLOW THE PREVAILING PARTY, INCLUDING THE COMMISSION, REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS. ~~THE STATE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS ONLY TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW.~~

(D) (1) UPON TIMELY APPLICATION, A PERSON MAY INTERVENE IN A CIVIL ACTION COMMENCED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE ACTION INVOLVES:

(I) AN ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE TO WHICH THE PERSON IS AN AGGRIEVED PERSON; OR

(II) A CONCILIATION AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE PERSON IS A PARTY.

(2) THE COURT MAY GRANT APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO ANY INTERVENING PARTY AS IS AUTHORIZED TO BE GRANTED TO A PLAINTIFF IN A CIVIL ACTION UNDER § 33 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

35.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

36.

(A) THE COMMISSION MAY COOPERATE WITH LOCAL AGENCIES CHARGED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE AGENCIES, UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE AGENCIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES AND, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, MAY REIMBURSE THE AGENCIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) TO FURTHER COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY ENTER INTO WRITTEN AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES.