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H.B. No. 3007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to annulment of a marriage on the grounds of fraud, duress,
or force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 6.107, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6.107. FRAUD, DURESS, OR FORCE. The court may grant an annulment of a marriage to a party to the marriage if:

(1) the other party used fraud, duress, or force to induce the petitioner to enter into the marriage; and

(2) the petitioner ceased cohabitation with the other party not more than one year after the petitioner learned of the fraud or was released from the duress or force and has not voluntarily cohabited with the other party since ceasing cohabitation [~~learning of the fraud or since being released from the duress or force~~].

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a suit for dissolution of a marriage that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit for dissolution of a marriage filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.