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H.B. No. 2671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the postponement of a hearing for a temporary order in  
3 certain family law cases referred to mediation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 6.502, Family Code, is amended by adding  
6 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) If the court on its own motion refers to mediation a  
8 suit described by Subsection (a) in which a motion for a temporary  
9 order described by that subsection is pending, the court may not  
10 postpone the initial hearing on the pending motion to a date that is  
11 later than the 30th day after the date set for the hearing.

12 SECTION 2. Section 105.001, Family Code, is amended by  
13 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

14 (a-1) If the court on its own motion refers to mediation a  
15 suit in which an initial hearing regarding the rendition of a  
16 temporary order described by Subsection (a) has not yet occurred,  
17 the court may not postpone the hearing to a date that is later than  
18 the 30th day after the date set for the hearing.

19 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
20 suit that is pending in a trial court on the effective date of this  
21 Act or that is filed on or after that date.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.