

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2671 was passed by the House on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2671 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor