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H.B. No. 2671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.