

AN ACT

relating to the award of attorney's fees and expenses in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

SECTION 1. Section 106.002, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 106.002. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES. (a) In a suit under this title, the court may render judgment for [~~order~~] reasonable attorney's fees and expenses [~~as costs~~] and order the judgment and postjudgment interest [~~fees~~] to be paid directly to an attorney.

(b) A judgment for [~~An award of~~] attorney's fees and expenses may be enforced in the attorney's name by any means available for the enforcement of a judgment for debt.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship pending in a trial court on that date or filed on or after that date.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 887 was passed by the House on April 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 887 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor