

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law No. 5 of Nueces County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1801(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The County Court at Law No. 5 of Nueces County shall give preference to:

(1) any proceeding involving an order relating to a child in the possession or custody of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or for whom the court has appointed a temporary or permanent managing conservator;

(2) proceedings under Title 3, Family Code; and

(3) mental health matters over which the court has jurisdiction under Section 25.1802(a)(4).

SECTION 2. Section 25.1802(r), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(r) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by this section for statutory county courts of Nueces County, the County Court at Law No. 5 of Nueces County has jurisdiction of:

(1) proceedings under Title 3, Family Code; and

(2) any proceeding involving an order relating to a child in the possession or custody of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or for whom the court has appointed a

1 temporary or permanent managing conservator.

2 SECTION 3. Sections 25.1801 and 25.1802, Government Code,  
3 as amended by this Act, apply only to a suit affecting the  
4 parent-child relationship under Title 5, Family Code, commenced on  
5 or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the  
6 parent-child relationship commenced before the effective date of  
7 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was  
8 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2498 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2498 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor