

1-1 By: Luna (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2498
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 8, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law No. 5 of
1-9 Nueces County.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 25.1801(c), Government Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (c) The County Court at Law No. 5 of Nueces County shall give
1-14 preference to:

1-15 (1) any proceeding involving an order relating to a
1-16 child in the possession or custody of the Department of Protective
1-17 and Regulatory Services or for whom the court has appointed a
1-18 temporary or permanent managing conservator;

1-19 (2) proceedings under Title 3, Family Code; and

1-20 (3) mental health matters over which the court has
1-21 jurisdiction under Section 25.1802(a)(4).

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 25.1802(r), Government Code, is amended
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (r) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by this section
1-25 for statutory county courts of Nueces County, the County Court at
1-26 Law No. 5 of Nueces County has jurisdiction of:

1-27 (1) proceedings under Title 3, Family Code; and

1-28 (2) any proceeding involving an order relating to a
1-29 child in the possession or custody of the Department of Protective
1-30 and Regulatory Services or for whom the court has appointed a
1-31 temporary or permanent managing conservator.

1-32 SECTION 2. Sections 25.1801 and 25.1802, Government Code,
1-33 as amended by this Act, apply only to a suit affecting the
1-34 parent-child relationship under Title 5, Family Code, commenced on
1-35 or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
1-36 parent-child relationship commenced before the effective date of
1-37 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was
1-38 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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