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H.B. No. 3180

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to masters and associate judges for certain family law
3 matters..

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 201.101(a), Family Code is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The presiding judge of each administrative judicial
8 region, after conferring with the judges of courts in the region
9 having jurisdiction of Title IV-D cases, shall determine which
10 courts require the appointment of a full-time or part-time master
11 to complete each Title IV-D case within the time specified in this
12 subchapter, except in the courts located in Hopkins County.

13 SECTION 2. Section 201.201 (a), Family Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (a) The presiding judge of each administrative judicial
16 region, after conferring with the judges of courts in the region
17 having family law jurisdiction and substitute care caseload, shall
18 determine which courts require the appointment of a full-time or
19 part-time associate judge to complete each case within the time
20 specified in Chapters 262 and 263, except in the courts located in
21 Hopkins County.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.