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S.B. No. 1691

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the availability for public inspection of a final order
3 in a parentage action.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 160.633, Family Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 160.633. FINAL ORDER AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ~~[HEARINGS,~~
8 INSPECTION ~~[OF RECORDS]~~. ~~[(a) On the request of a party and for~~
9 ~~good cause shown, the court may order a proceeding under this~~
10 ~~subchapter closed to the public.~~

11 ~~[(b)]~~ A final order in a proceeding under this subchapter is
12 available for public inspection. ~~[Other papers and records are~~
13 ~~available only with the consent of the parties or on order of the~~
14 ~~court for good cause.]~~

15 SECTION 2. Section 231.108, Family Code, is amended by
16 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

17 (g) The final order in a suit adjudicating parentage is
18 available for public inspection as provided by Section 160.633.

19 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

20 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies to a suit
21 affecting the parent-child relationship commenced before, on, or
22 after the effective date of this Act.