

AN ACT

relating to the performance by a private entity of the functions of a local child support registry.

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

SECTION 1. Section 101.018, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.018. LOCAL REGISTRY. "Local registry" means a county [~~an~~] agency or public entity operated under the authority of a district clerk, county government, juvenile board, juvenile probation office, domestic relations office, or other county agency or public entity that serves a county or a court that has jurisdiction under this title and that:

- (1) receives child support payments;
- (2) maintains records of child support payments;
- (3) distributes child support payments as required by law; and
- (4) maintains custody of official child support payment records.

SECTION 2. Section 154.241, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) Notwithstanding any other law, a private entity may perform the duties and functions of a local registry under this section either under a contract with a county commissioners court or domestic relations office executed under Section 204.002 or

1 under an appointment by a court.

2 SECTION 3. Section 204.001, Family Code, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 Sec. 204.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a  
5 commissioners court or domestic relations office of a county that  
6 did not have the authority to contract with a private entity to  
7 receive, disburse, and record payments or restitution of child  
8 support on January 1, 1997.

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, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2668 was passed by the House on May 10, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2668 on May 27, 2005, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2668 on May 29, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2668

I certify that H.B. No. 2668 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2668 on May 29, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor