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H.B. No. 2668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition against a private entity performing the functions and duties 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 only under a contract with a county commissioners court or domestic relations office executed under Section 204.002.

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

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

8           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.