BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 670 By: Strama, Villarreal (Wentworth) Jurisprudence 5/18/2007 Engrossed

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 670 removes the time limit on the collection of owed child support, returning Section 157.005(b), Family Code, to the language as it existed prior to the 79th Legislative Session.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

- SECTION 1. Amends Section 157.005(b), Family Code, to provide that the court retains jurisdiction to confirm the total amount of child support arrearages and render judgment for past-due child support if a motion for enforcement requesting a money judgment is filed not later than the 20th, rather than 10th, anniversary after a certain date.
- SECTION 2. Amends Section 232.006, Family Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1), as follows:
 - (b) Authorizes notice under this section to be served as in civil cases generally except as provided by Subsection (b) [sic].
 - (b-1) Requires notice under this section to be served by mailing a copy of the petition by certified mail to the last mailing address of the individual on file with the court and the state case registry if the individual has been ordered under Chapter 105 (Settings, Hearings, and Orders), Family Code, to provide the court and the state case registry with the individual's current mailing address.
- SECTION 3. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies to child support arrearages regardless of the date the child support became due or the child support obligation terminated.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.