

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B.804  
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Concerns have been raised regarding the foster care placement or adoptive placement of siblings in different homes. Under current law, a foster parent or an adoptive parent of a child does not have legal standing to bring suit to obtain custody of a sibling of a child already in that parent's custody.

As proposed, S.B.804 authorizes such a parent to bring suit in order to have the siblings placed together in the same home.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

- SECTION 1. Amends Section 102.005, Family Code, to authorize an adult who has adopted, or is the foster parent of and has petitioned to adopt, a sibling of a child, to file an original suit requesting only an adoption or for termination of the parent-child relationship joined with a petition for adoption.
- SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.
- SECTION 3. Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.