1-6   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7   AN ACT

1-8   relating to standing for certain individuals to file a suit
1-9   affecting the parent-child relationship.
1-10   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1.   Section 102.006, Family Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-13 follows:
1-14   (a)   Except as provided by Subsections [Subsection] (b) and
1-15 (c), if the parent-child relationship between the child and every
1-16 living parent of the child has been terminated, an original suit may
1-17 not be filed by:
1-18   (1)   a former parent whose parent-child relationship
1-19 with the child has been terminated by court order;
1-20   (2)   the father of the child; or
1-21   (3)   a family member or relative by blood, adoption, or
1-22 marriage of either a former parent whose parent-child relationship
1-23 has been terminated or of the father of the child.
1-24   (c)   The limitations on filing suit imposed by this section
1-25 do not apply to an adult sibling of the child, a grandparent of the
1-26 child, an aunt who is a sister of a parent of the child, or an uncle
1-27 who is a brother of a parent of the child if the adult sibling,
1-28 grandparent, aunt, or uncle files an original suit or a suit for
1-29 modification requesting managing conservatorship of the child not
1-30 later than the 90th day after the date the parent-child
1-31 relationship between the child and the parent is terminated in a
1-32 suit filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services
1-33 requesting the termination of the parent-child relationship.
1-34   SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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