

1-1 By: Delisi, Aycock, Naishtat H.B. No. 1972
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Duncan)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;
1-4 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Jurisprudence; May 10, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to requirements applicable to an attorney ad litem
1-10 representing a child in a child abuse proceeding.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 107.004(e), Family Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (e) An attorney ad litem appointed for a child in a
1-15 proceeding under Chapter 262 or 263 is not required to comply with
1-16 Subsection (d) before a hearing if the court finds at that hearing
1-17 that the attorney ad litem has shown good cause why the attorney ad
1-18 litem's compliance with that subsection is not feasible or in the
1-19 best interest of the child. Additionally, a court may, on a showing
1-20 of good cause, authorize an attorney ad litem to comply with
1-21 Subsection (d) by conferring with the child or other individual, as
1-22 appropriate, by telephone or video conference.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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