

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1048
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 1, 2007; March 14, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 April 2, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 2, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1048 By: Watson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the inheritance rights of certain parents.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 41, Texas Probate Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
1-14 (e) Parent-Child Relationship. A probate court in its
1-15 discretion may declare that the parent of a child may not inherit
1-16 from or through the child under the laws of descent and distribution
1-17 if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that grounds
1-18 described by Section 161.001(1), Family Code, existed for the
1-19 involuntary termination of the parent-child relationship before
1-20 the death of the child. On determination that the parent of a child
1-21 may not inherit from or through the child, the parent shall be
1-22 treated as if the parent predeceased the child for purposes of
1-23 inheritance under the laws of descent and distribution.
1-24 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-25 the estate of a person who dies on or after the effective date of
1-26 this Act. An estate of a person who dies before the effective date
1-27 of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the date of the
1-28 person's death, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-29 purpose.
1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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