

By: Hochberg

H.B. No. 2707

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2707:

By: Hartnett

C.S.H.B. No. 2707

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the jurisdiction of certain courts in suits affecting
3 the parent-child relationship.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 152.105, Family Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
8 court of this state may exercise jurisdiction as if this state were
9 the home state if a court in a foreign country has not provided a
10 party notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the
11 standards of Section 152.108.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
13 suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or
14 after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
15 parent-child relationship that is filed before that date is
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the
17 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.