

AN ACT

relating to the powers of an associate judge in a Title IV-D case.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 201.104, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and subject to Section 201.1042(g), an associate judge may hear and render an order on:

(1) a suit to modify or clarify an existing child support order;

(2) a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment; ~~[or]~~

(3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the respondent's commitment; or

(4) a motion for postjudgment relief, including a motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment, if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the referring court.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a Title IV-D case referred to an associate judge under Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A Title IV-D case referred to an associate judge before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the

1 date the case was referred, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1437 passed the Senate on
April 16, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1437 passed the House on
May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one
present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor